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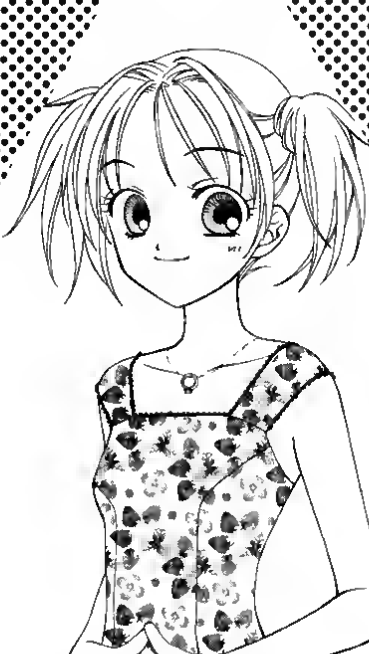

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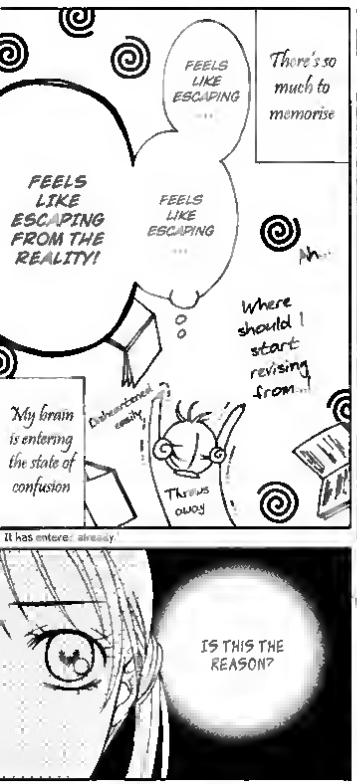
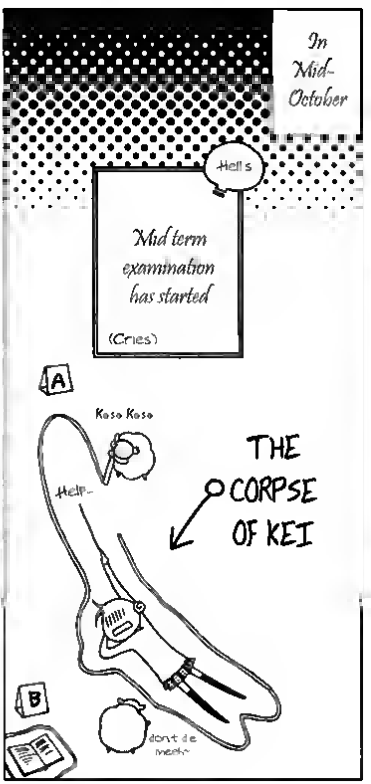

FEELS LIKE ESCAPING
There's so much to memorise
FEELS LIKE ESCAPING FROM THE REALITY!
FEELS LIKE ESCAPING
Where should I start revising from...
My brain is entering the state of confusion
Embarrassed easily
Throws away
It has entered already



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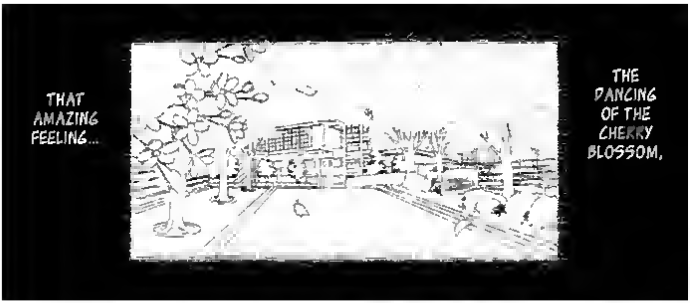

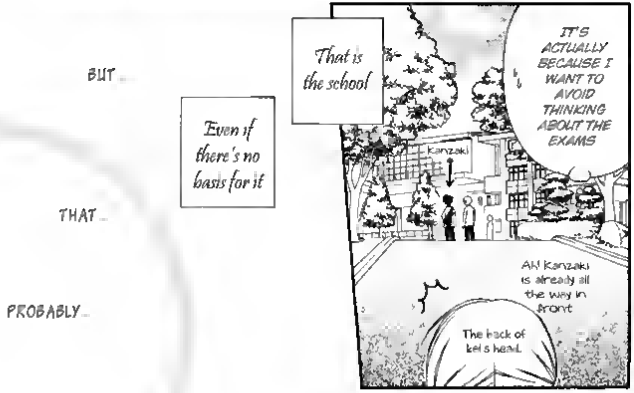
BUT...
THAT...
PROBABLY...
Even if there's no basis for it
That is the school
IT'S ACTUALLY BECAUSE I WANT TO AVOID THINKING ABOUT THE EXAMS
Kanzaki
Ah! Kanzaki is already all the way in front
The back of Kei's head

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IS MY MEMORY...?

~ And finally, examinations are over ~

1 - 4

YEA...!

Taking up such a big space for nothing.

LET'S PREPARE FOR THE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

jang jang

THE FULLY GEARED UP KEI PAYS HER RESPECT!

MY EXHAUSTED SPIRIT IS ON ITS WAY TO RECOVERY!
EH?
B A M
I'M THE ONE WHO'S TIRED...
FULL OF ENERGY, FULL OF COURAGE, FULL OF MIRACLE.
YOU BECOME SO ENERGETIC ONCE THE EXAM IS OVER
WHOOSH
Was sleeping just now
DO WHAT...? WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITY SHOULD OUR CLASS ORGANIZE?
WHERE'S KANZAKI? WHAT MUST WE DO? WHAT MUST WE DO?
Just as you know, they're trying to assign duties
ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT...♪
♡
"PUBLI... CITY"?
KE...
THE BOTH OF US SHALL BE IN THE PUBLICITY GROUP...
♪

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hehe
DON'T YOU KNOW? OUR CLASS IS ORGANIZING A...
HEART?
HEART-RACING PHOTO BOOTH
IT WILL, OF COURSE, BE IN OUR CLASSROOM.
USING THE DIGITAL CAMERA TO TAKE THE PICTURES AND DEVELOP THEM
Digital Camera
SUCH AN EASY AND SIMPLE WAY TO TAKE A PICTURE TO TREASURE
AS FOR WHICH PART OF IT WILL LET THE PERSON'S HEARBEAT RATE... THAT IS...
Print
Oh, haha
AND OUR SECRET WEAPON IS THE PUBLICITY GROUP.
WE'VE PREPARED ALL KINDS OF COSTUME OVER HERE!
NOT ONLY THAT, WE EVEN GIVE FREE MAKE UP SERVICES!
AND WE'VE EVEN PREPARED THE UNIFORMS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL NEARBY
How did you guys manage to do that?
Hey hey
It's too perfect

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WHAT'S WITH THAT TONE?
Appears suddenly
THE WHOLE CONCEPT IS ADAPTED FROM 'ALICE IN THE WONDERLAND'
Dawn--- What united idiots classmates
Wonderland

Please come and visit Your 1 Class 4
THE GIRLS WILL BE IN ALICE IN WONDERLAND STYLE BLUE DRESSES
THE GUYS WILL BE WEARING CHESHIRE CAT EARS OR A PAIR OF WHITE BUNNY EARS
WITH SUCH A MESMERIZING AND ATTRACTIVE COSPLAY TO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS,
Welcome to the Your 1 Class 4 Increase heartbeat-rate Photo booth!
AND LETTING THEM TAKE A PICTURE WITH US, IT'S ONE OF THE FUN THING
☆
The second service

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INCIDENTALLY, YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
!?
Said bluntly
LET'S GO GET THE CUSTOMERS!
It's decided by the votes of the girls. Everyone voted for the same option.
IT'S BEEN DECIDED, YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THE CAT'S EAR.

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Data preparation room
EXHAUSTED
WHAT'S WITH YOU TODAY?
YOU, THE MOST UNCOOPERATIVE GUY IN THE WORLD SEEMS LISTLESS
HE WAS BEING STRIPPED TOPLESS BY THE GIRLS IN THE COSTUME GROUP AND NOW HE'S FEELING UPSET ABOUT IT.
IT SEEMS THAT HE SECRETLY LIKED IT.
IT'S JUST THAT I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THE SPIRIT OF THE UNITED IDIOTIC CLASSMATES!
NO!
It seems like you guys had fun.
Because he's actually very shy.
POINT
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN ASSIMILATED.
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE MAINTENANCE CLUB CAN COME UP WITH AN ACTIVITY.

Remember: It's rude to point
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YES?
SENSEI,
.....
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU...
It's a pity.
YOU'RE RIGHT
But I'm looking forward to the photo booth.
THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING.
BUT YOU'RE BUSY WITH YOUR CLASS STUFF RIGHT?
PLEASE I'M BEGGING YOU, DON'T CREATE ANY MORE PROBLEMS?
Worry
SEEMS LIKE..
THE MAINTENANCE CLUB..
IT'S ONLY ME AND KEI, RIGHT?

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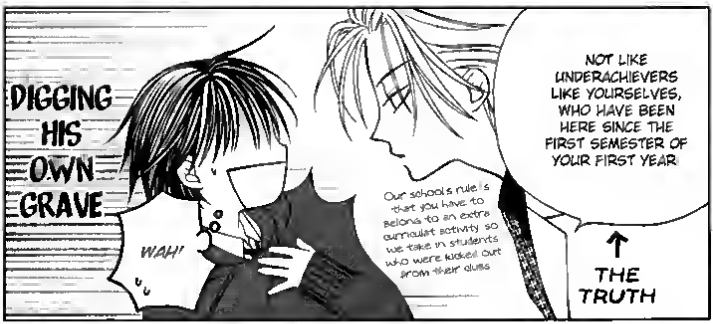
vice president.
president.
Seems like he's clever.
The election earlier came to a close easily.
LIKE AOTO AND KIMIJIMA,
THEY WERE SUCH EXCELLENT STUDENTS, BECAME THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.
THE 3RD YEAR STUDENTS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CLUBS...
NOWADAYS, THE 2ND YEAR STUDENTS...


DIGGING HIS OWN GRAVE
WAH!
Our school's rule is that you have to belong to an extra curricular activity so we take in students who were kicked out from their clubs
NOT LIKE UNDERACHIEVERS LIKE YOURSELVES, WHO HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE THE FIRST SEMESTER OF YOUR FIRST YEAR
↑ THE TRUTH

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COME ON!
YOU CAN TELL ME, YOUR SENIOR.
NO, IT'S OK.
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!
Actually you're just making fun of me, aren't you?
NO, THANKS
IF THERE'S ANYTHING TROUBLING YOU, DON'T BOTTLE IT UP, YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT.
WHAT'S WRONG, KANZAKI?
KIDS WILL BE THE MASTERS OF THE FUTURE AND IN DEVELOPING THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND PERSONALITY—
I'm a hard working Japanese educator!
I'LL BE ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WILL GREATLY INFLUENCE THEM!
Sparkles
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY? I'M ALL EARS!
I'M A SENSEI.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I'VE FALLEN, I'M STILL A SENSEI!
SAITO ONIISAN, YOU'RE SO COOL! ☆
YOU REALLY HAVE FALLEN!
Con .vincing

HM? THAT MEANS HE'LL HAVE TO COME TO OUR CLUB
SHINOGU'S NOT GOING BACK TO THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB
HEY, SAITO ONIISAN,
I can't do this anymore! If this continues, not only Takama Saito
Even I will lose myself
SO TIRED... SO VERY TIRED...
Help me please
IF HE'S REALLY COMING, SHOULD WE PRESENT HIM WITH A GRAND WELCOME?
AHAHAHA! HE'LL DEFINITELY BE ANGRY!
But we still have to do it
I DON'T WISH FOR HER TO GO BACK TO THE TIME...
WHERE THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANGER IN HER EYES...

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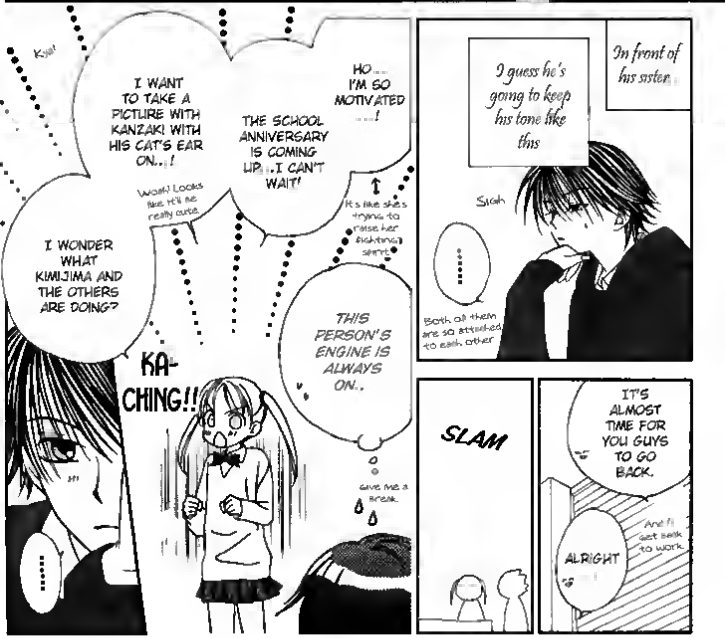
Kya!
I WANT TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH KANZAKI WITH HIS CAT'S EAR ON..!
Wow! Looks like he'll be really cute
HO... I'M SO MOTIVATED ....!
THE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY IS COMING UP!..I CAN'T WAIT!
It's like she's trying to raise her fighting spirit
I WONDER WHAT KIMIJIMA AND THE OTHERS ARE DOING?
KA-CHING!!
THIS PERSON'S ENGINE IS ALWAYS ON..
Give me a break
In front of his sister
I guess he's going to keep his tone like this
Sigh
Both of them are so attached to each other
SLAM
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR YOU GUYS TO GO BACK.
ALRIGHT
Are I'll get back to work

BE CAREFUL OF YOUR ENGINE STALLING ON THE DAY OF THE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY
IF YOU START GETTING EXCITED THIS EARLY,
WHAT! Oh
I REALLY WANT TO HURRY UP AND WEAR THAT COSTUME.
P☆A
Yeah?
!
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DIDN'T KNOW WHEN IT STARTED...
A car with oyster sauce?
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
Can't stand it.
Can't stand it.
THE [UNCOOPERATIVE KANZAKI] IS ALIVE AGAIN
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT ANXIOUS LOOK?
NOT LONG AGO,
like this.

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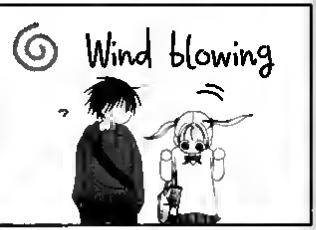

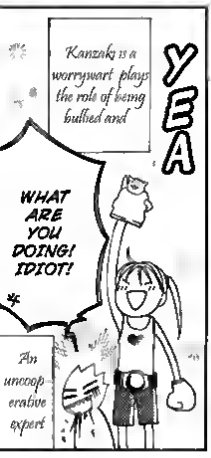

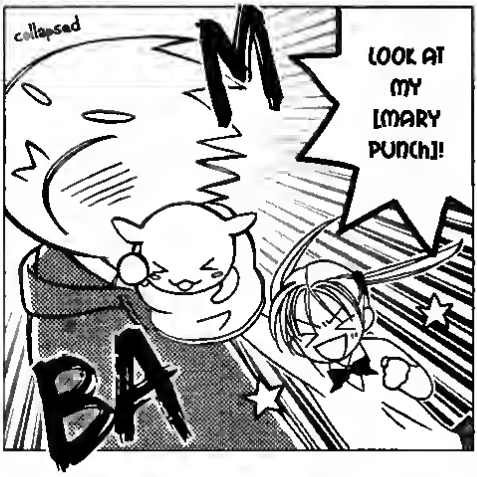

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24時間
ファミリーマート
DAMN THAT TAKAMA
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TROUBLESOME SO MANY PROBLEMS ARE BECAUSE OF HIM!
He always show a face of nothing's wrong
DOES A JOB
Kanzaki, your cultivation is not enough.
And also, in front of Ke,
WITH SKILL AND ERSE
you're also one of the trouble some matter
Is it the one caused by his character?
I HAD A HARD TIME COMING TO TERMS WITH THE SITUATION NOW
sulky
Just came back from the convenience store
Suwa san who declared that he'll come again,
In the end,
Never came again since that time.
a worry wart
shut up
That time he was constantly worrying about when he'll come.

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'ALTHOUGH THE 'ME' FROM BEFORE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PERSON I AM RIGHT NOW'

'I WANT TO FINISH WHAT I'VE STARTED'

. THAT,

WHAT WAS IT REFERRING TO?

IF I'D KNOWN, I WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM ON HOW TO CONTACT HIM.

It's easier for me if he didn't come.

If it's like that, I would be digging my grave deeper and deeper.

It seems like kei's condition is stable.

NO MATTER WHAT, BEFORE THE RING IS FOUND,

THOSE TWO SHOULDN'T MEET

a little helpless

Takama's mood is understandable. If it's the present Siwa san...

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AY!
I'll know if I ask Takama
BUT I DOUBT HE'LL GIVE ME AN HONEST ANSWER
Contradicting myself with my own sweetness
Distractions
BA
OH, RIGHT, DIDN'T TAKAMA SAY THAT HE WANTS TO WRITE SOMETHING DURING THE SUMMER?
Does it have something to do with this?
Is this a new genre or some thing?
or maybe I've guessed it wrong
NG
OH?
Great timing
TAKAMA SENSEI
(sorry)

SEI?
SFX: GRAB

NICE TO SEE YOU.
He smokes? I've never seen him do that.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK SEN..

IT'S ACTUALLY YOU!
EEEEK!
SNICKER
THAT'S RIGHT, NICE TO SEE YOU.
LET'S HAVE A TALK ABOUT KEI.

No it really easy to take you guys up
SAITO DOESN'T SMOKE AT ALL YOU BETTER REMEMBER THAT.
STOP TALKING SO MUCH... WHO ASKED YOU TO MIX ME UP WITH THAT SAITO?!
I'll eliminate you to death, you insolent!
Today is a Sad day
GLASSES! WHERE RE YOUR GLASSES?
Ah!
This
THIS IS A FAKE!

I DID ASK.
SO TO SPEAK!
I DID ASK!
I DID ASK,
Troublesome
I THOUGHT YOU CAN JUST ASK SENSE! ANYTIME?
.....
I'LL LET THIS GO.
ALRIGHT. LET'S TALK ABOUT KEI ♪
Clap
Clap
OF COURSE I SUPER DOTE ON HER!
Oh!
YOU REALLY DOTE ON YOUR SISTER.
Huh!
Ho
I SUPER LOVE HER. ♡
YOU SHOULD SAY IT'S LOVE.
When I was 11 years old the 2 years old Kei first spoke out "onii san". Onisan will never forget that day!
Hey
Love's slave
Wahaha Haha
Irritated
Abominable
Irritated
WHENEVER I THINK OF THAT SAITO, WHO'S ALWAYS WITH KEI...
.....
Wait!
THE MORE I ASK, THE MORE I DON'T FEEL LIKE ASKING ANYMORE. I HATE IT SO MUCH! IDIOT!

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BUT, I KNOW EVEN WITHOUT ASKING...
THAT SHE'S STABLE NOW
EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE UPS AND DOWNS
SO IT'S THE SAME EVEN AT HOME
phew
AGE... THE SISTER WITH A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN AGE MAKES PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO DOTE ON HER, RIGHT?
BECAUSE SENSEI ALSO DOTES ON HER TO THE EXTENT THAT IT'S WEIRD

I REALLY DOTE ON HER AS MY 'SISTER'.
BUT SAITO...
HIS FEELINGS FOR HER IS DIFFERENT...
.....
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WHAT!
WHAT AM I SAYING!
SO? KANZAKI, TELL ME! OH...?
AND THE ONE I'M TALKING TO IS KANZAKI.
WHY IS IT KANZAKI!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT THAT GUY IS TEACHING HIS STUDENTS...
I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH!
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS GUY IS NORMAL
ah.
wa
There's nothing left for Japan's future!
(It's a bit over the top)
Not very truthful on that point.

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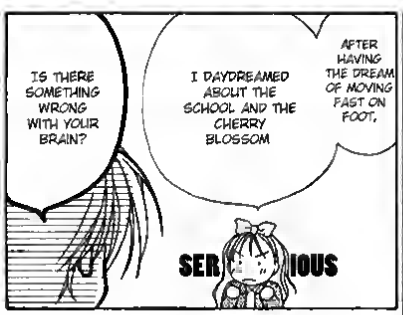
Oh... So that's the reason.
AH... ERM... THOUGH IT'S SUCH A SUDDEN,
WHAT'S YOUR MATTER?
er
But sometimes I feel like bullying him.
I like Akito Onisan very much.


IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR BRAIN?
I DAYDREAMED ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CHERRY BLOSSOM
AFTER HAVING THE DREAM OF MOVING FAST ON FOOT,
SER IOUS

I ALSO DON'T KNOW WHY! UNTIL NOW I'VE NEVER HAD A DREAM LIKE THAT. I FEEL REALLY CONFUSED TOO!
GRRR
SERIOUSLY! I'M TALKING ABOUT SERIOUS BUSINESS WITH YOU!
BUT, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF FINDING IT SOMEWHERE!
SHOW ME YOUR PROOF, PROOF....!
HAVE WHAT?
GRRR
Please speak softly when it's late at night.
PROBABLY,
IT'S PART OF MY MEMORY.
!!
THE SCHOOL AND THE CHERRY BLOSSOM REMINDS ME
SORRY. I SERIOUSLY HAVE NO PROOF AT ALL.
OF THE DAY THE CAR ACCIDENT OCCURRED.
BUT,
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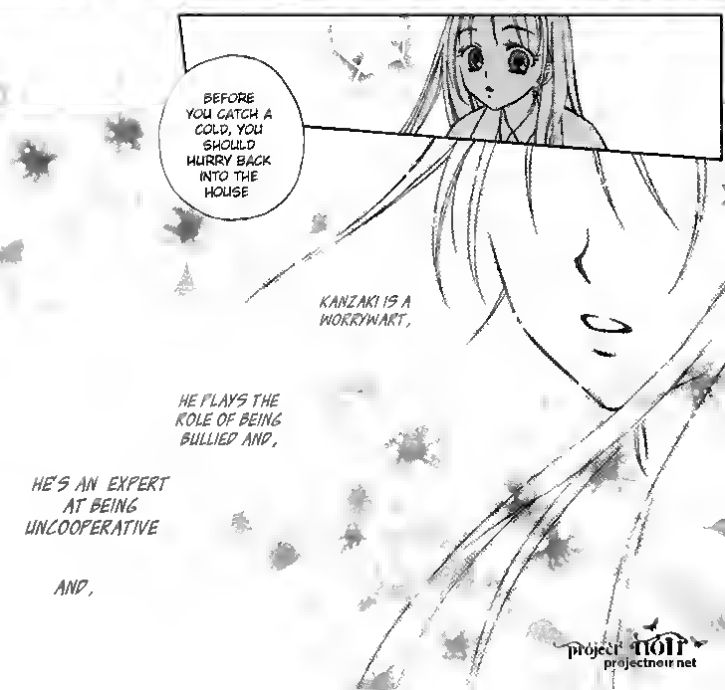
BEFORE YOU CATCH A COLD, YOU SHOULD HURRY BACK INTO THE HOUSE
KANZAKI IS A WORRYWART,
HE PLAYS THE ROLE OF BEING BULLIED AND,
HE'S AN EXPERT AT BEING UNCOOPERATIVE
AND,

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IT FEELS WARM TO BE AT KANZAKI'S SIDE
THAT IS MY SHORTCOMING AS WELL AS MY GOOD POINT...
A WARM FEELING
I'VE ADJUSTED MY ATTITUDE
A little bit
WOW.
WOW
SHE SAID IT HERSELF.

THIS KIND OF FEELING,

WHERE WILL IT LEAD TO?

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Shinozuka's anniversary,

Is held on the first week of November's Friday and Saturday

1st year 4th class introduces,

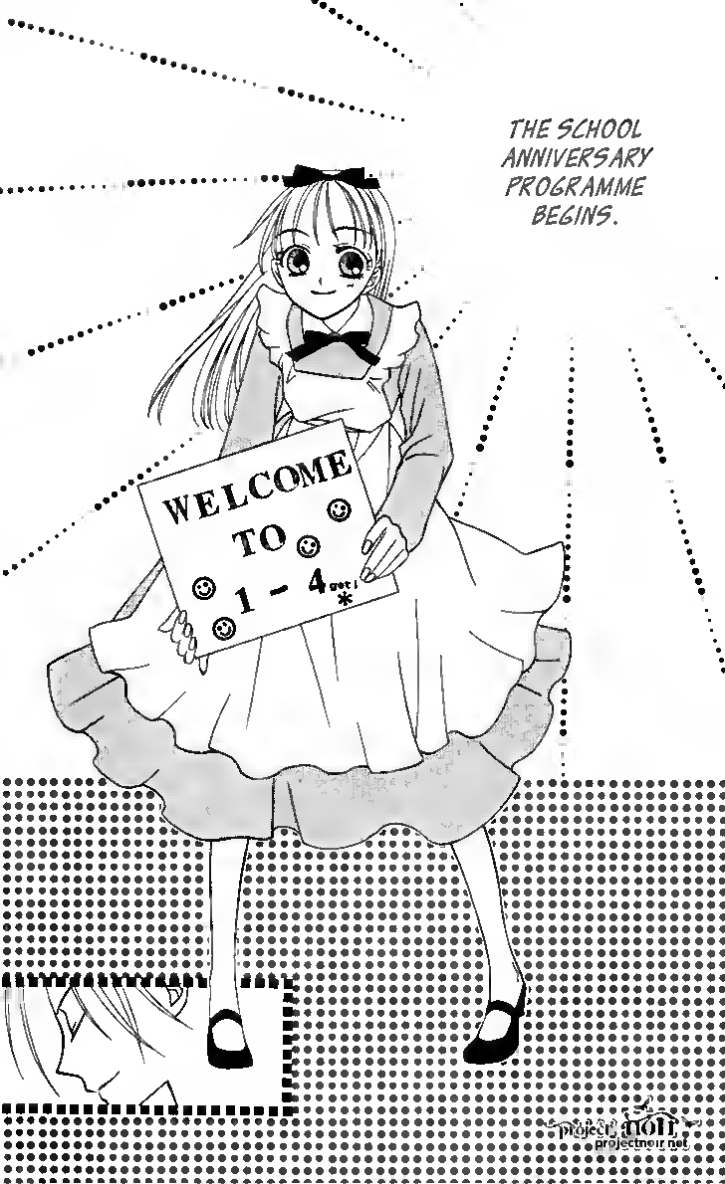
The publicity group's costume. The super adorable **Increase-heartbeat-rate Photo booth**

YES...

KEI, ARE YOU READY?

Alright.

foot steps



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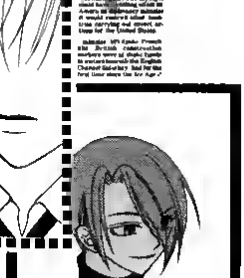

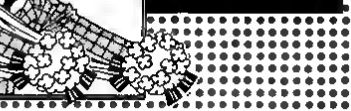

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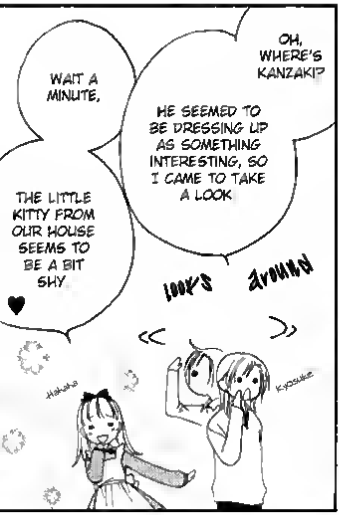
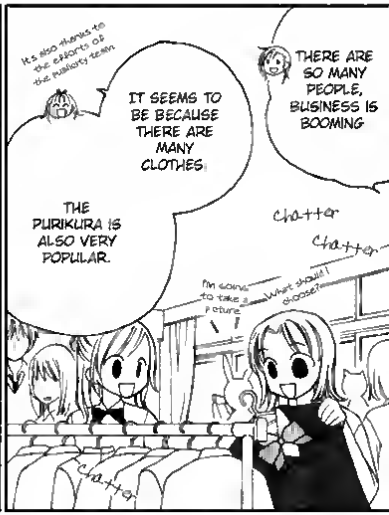

WAIT A MINUTE,
THE LITTLE KITTY FROM OUR HOUSE SEEMS TO BE A BIT SHY
OH, WHERE'S KANZAKI?
HE SEEMED TO BE DRESSING UP AS SOMETHING INTERESTING, SO I CAME TO TAKE A LOOK
LOOK'S AROUND
Hakuba
Kyousuke


It's also thanks to the efforts of the publicity team
IT SEEMS TO BE BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY CLOTHES
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE, BUSINESS IS BOOMING
THE PURIKURA IS ALSO VERY POPULAR.
chatter
chatter
I'm going to take a picture
What should I choose?
chatter

PULL
OUT!
Wow
Huh

SILENCE
COME...
LEAVE ME ALONE
IT'S NO USE HIDING.

LITTLE KITTY
HEY KANZAKI, KIMIJIMA IS HERE TO SEE YOU
THIS.

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JUST NOW THE 3RD YEAR GIRLS CALLED HIM BY NAME
SHUT UP!
BY NAME?
Is this some kind of host club?
Ah. This is because he is normally very restrained.
He's obviously the flustled character
I HATE DRESSING UP LIKE THIS, HOW EMBARRASSING!
Wah! Don't look at me!
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO THAT?
OH?
COULD YOU NOT SEND PICTURES TO MY SISTERS?
WH!
OOGAMI!
CAN I TAKE THIS OFF?
LOVE TO TEASE THEIR BROTHER MOST OF ALL
Wahaha instead of rabbit ears cat ears suit you the best
Ahahah, kitty-eared Kyosuke
Same here.
I only have a brother
NO.
shiver
ABSO-LUTELY NOT.

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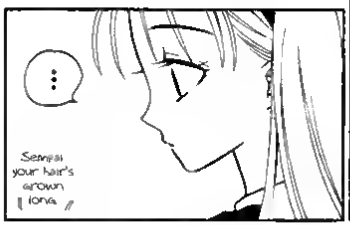

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MY TEETH ARE VERY STRAIGHT.
YOU WANT TO BITE ME?!
WHO'S ASKING YOU ABOUT THAT?!
WHAT A PAIN
Turn
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHO ARE YOU TO PUT YOUR HAND THERE?
I REALLY DON'T WANT...
Oh my have you entered a rebellious stage?
WHO ASKED YOU TO TREAT ME LIKE A CAT?
YOU TO THINK OF ME AS LESS THAN YOUR PARTNER.
RION! KANZAKI, HE... KANZAKI IS AT A REBELLIOUS STAGE!
Ah!

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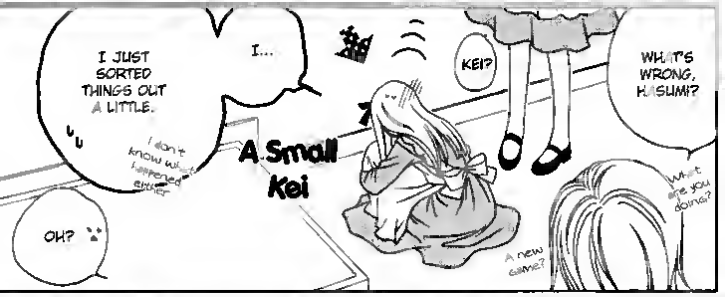

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S MURASAKI NO TSUKA GAKUEN THE SCHOOL I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF
THAT'S WHY...
I LOVE THESE ANNUAL EVENTS.
They're my favorite.
Ba-dump
Ba-dump
I WANT TO CALM MYSELF DOWN,
THAT IS
THAT IS TO SAY... I, AH...

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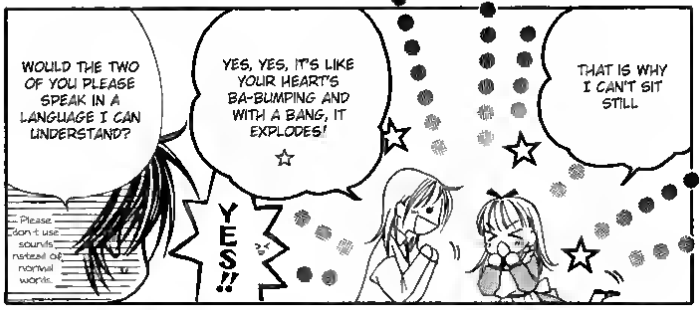
WOULD THE TWO OF YOU PLEASE SPEAK IN A LANGUAGE I CAN UNDERSTAND?
Please don't use sounds instead of normal words.
YES, YES, IT'S LIKE YOUR HEART'S BA-BUMPING AND WITH A BANG, IT EXPLODES!
YES!!
THAT IS WHY I CAN'T SIT STILL

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I AM PROBABLY
UNDER WHAT HASUMI CALLED
"SUWA'S MAGIC"
YUP. IT IS REALLY GREAT THAT YOU MANAGED TO GET IN.
KIMIJIMA, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
KE! LET'S GO HAND OUT FLYERS~
COMING, COMING
KANZAKI,
WE'RE GOING

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TO START FROM
HAPPY THINGS

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Mumble I hate it when it's so noisy I hate it
HMMM?
THERE SEEM TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE THERE.
HAVE YOU SEEN KEI?
takes refuge
NOT YET.
THAT IS CORRECT.
I REMEMBER THAT SHE USED TO DRAG ME AROUND
THAT IS CORRECT.
BUT KEI SEEMS TO LIKE SUCH BIG EVENTS.
FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW.
I SEEMS AS THOUGH KEI LIKES SUWA THE BEST.
THAT IS CORRECT.
And of course
IS THAT ALL YOU KNOW HOW TO SAY?
KEI, SHE...
Does she still have anything on?

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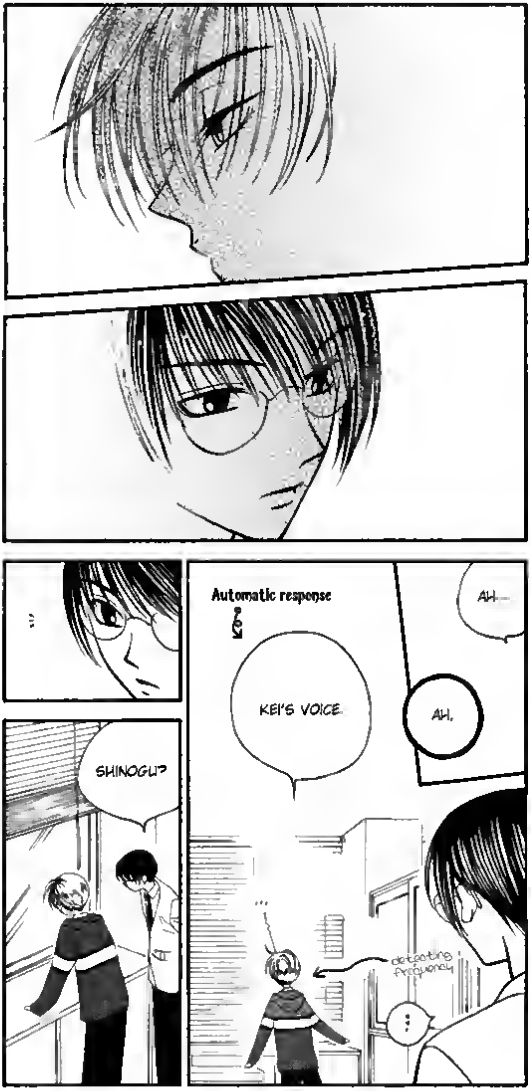

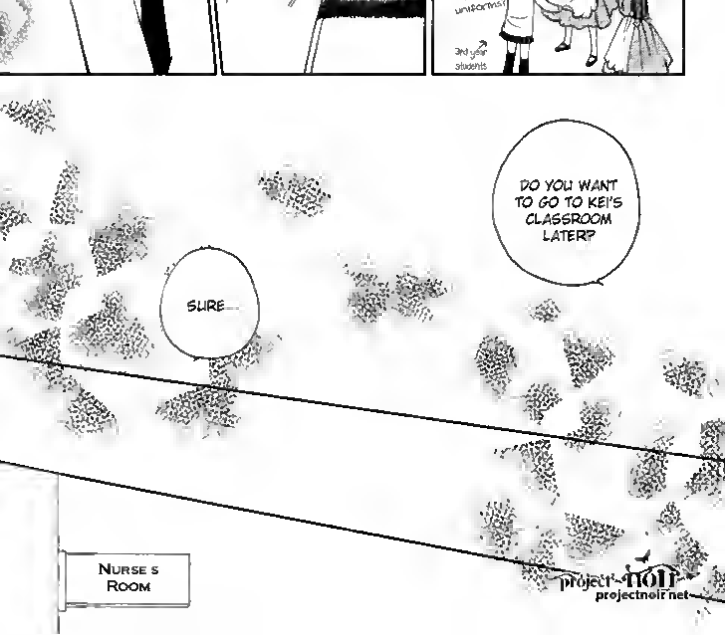

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SUWA SAID THAT HE REALLY WANTED TO SEE THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
IS IT JUST ME, OR DO YOU SEEM HAPPY ABOUT IT?
I don't know where that hearty mood came from
IN THE END, HE HAD A DEADLINE TO MEET AND WAS TOO BUSY.
RIHITO ALSO HAS WORK AND CAN'T COME, WHAT A PITY
HE OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T THINK THAT WAY
I FULLY UNDER-STAND,
Phew
YOU NOT WANTING YOUR PRINCESS AND KAKERU TO MEET,
I CAN ALSO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT THINGS TO REMAIN AS THEY ARE.
BUT TRUTHFULLY, KAKERU IS THE SORT OF PERSON THAT,
EVEN IF HE DID FIND THE RING,
I REALLY DON'T THINK HIS MEMORY WOULD RETURN
HOW LIKE YOU, TO BE SO BLUNT
BUT...

IF THAT IS SO, WHY DID YOU LET KAKERU ENTER THAT ROOM?
!!
!?
DON'T YOU MEAN LET KANZAKI MEET UP WITH SUWA?
BECAUSE
I WISH TO LET SUWA MEET UP WITH KANZAKI
WELL...
THEY'RE ALL THE SAME
TAKAMA, COULD YOU HELP ME WITH SOMETHING?
THERE'S A STORY I WANT TO WRITE

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I JUST THINK THAT
KANZAKI WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING UNTOWARD TO KEI.
ALSO, THE PERSON WHO IS STAYING THERE NOW HAS AN IDEA OF WHAT IS GOING ON
WHATEVER I HAVE NOT COMPLETED IN THE PAST
SUWA WANTS TO TAKE A LOOK IN ROOM 205
REGARDLESS WHETHER IT IS TOWARDS YOU OR ME
IT MUST BE SOMTHING IMPORTANT

YOU, TOO, SEEM TO LOVE HELPING KEI.
HE PROBABLY HASN'T EVEN REALIZED HOW MUCH HE LIKES HELPING PEOPLE
HE ACTUALLY REALLY KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OTHERS.
STILL, TRUTH BE TOLD, KANZAKI IS A GOOD PERSON
OVER-PROTECTIVE MUCH?
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN
BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS WE CAN'T SUPPORT HER.
IT'D BE GOOD IF MORE PEOPLE COULD UNDERSTAND HER.

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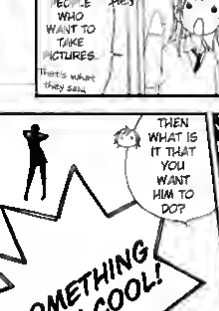
I am not angry
TOO BORING!
IS ANGRY
KEI
KANZAKI, YOU'RE TOO BORING

NO
THEN AT LEAST SMILE!!
IT WOULDN'T MAKE ME HAPPY TO HEAR THAT I'M CUTE ANYWAY.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TAKE PICTURES.
Hey
That's what they said.

SO WHAT IF I'M BORING!
NO! YOU ARE NOT CUTE!
Come on, smile!
Click


THEN WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT HIM TO DO?
SOMETHING VERY COOL!
Something cool
OH.

HMPH.
HEY
KANZAKI IS REFUSING TO POSE WITH ME FOR THE CAMERA
KIMIJIMA, LOOK!
WHAT'S WRONG NOW?
STIFF
HMPH.
A smiling Kanzaki is even scarier

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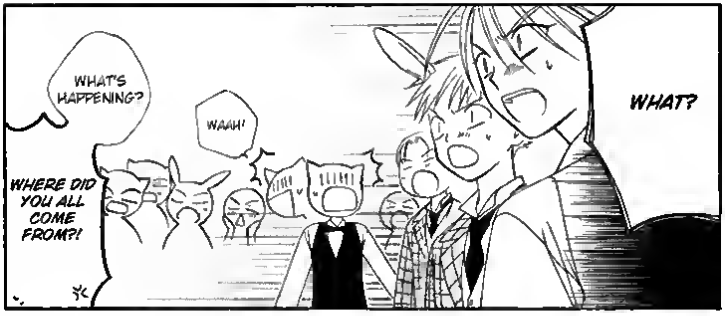

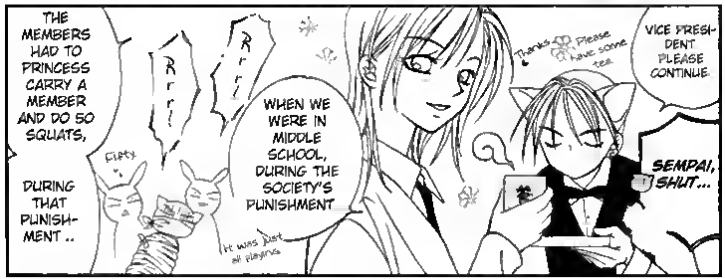
THE MEMBERS HAD TO PRINCESS CARRY A MEMBER AND DO 50 SQUATS,
DURING THAT PUNISHMENT..
R r r!
R r r!
Flirt
WHEN WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, DURING THE SOCIETY'S PUNISHMENT
It was just all playing
Thanks XD Please have some tea
VICE PRESIDENT PLEASE CONTINUE.
SEMPAI, SHUT...

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DIDN'T YOU LET ME CARRY YOU LIKE THIS BEFORE?
4-th chapter
WHAT AN UNFEMININE THING TO SAY
THAT WAS BECAUSE AT THAT TIME I WAS CONCENTRATING ON VOMITING, AND DIDN'T CARE ABOUT
WHY DO I FEEL EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE?
Ngh
Hey
Hey!
BUT A REACTION LIKE THIS IS NEW
WHAT DO YOU MEAN CHARACTER?
EVEN THOUGH HE SUPPOSEDLY CARRIED ME LIKE THIS BEFORE
I FEEL I FEEL WEIRD!
HASUMI?
Kyaa
IT'S NOT LIKE KANZAKI TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS

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OOGAMI, HURRY, TAKE THE PICTURE!
WAAAA!
HASUMI, SMILE!
Wow! It's so rare to see Kanaki like that
Click
Good
Good
Click
Arataka
PIGHEH!
(tap)
Arataka
Yeah, everyone's laughing at me...
HEY, YAOTO
Arataka
WHO
IS THAT?
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Sheep Warning 12

KAKERU DOESN'T SMOKE IN ANYONE ELSE'S HOUSE
CIGARETTES.
He smokes outside
Me too ~ So am I ~
SAITO DOESN'T SMOKE AT ALL
Environment Friendly ~
HE NEVER SMOKES WHEN KEI IS AROUND
RIHITO DOESN'T SMOKE IN THE HOUSE
WHETHER IT'S SNOWING OR RAINING... HE GOES OUTSIDE
It's a scam!
KYOSUKE
THE REASON WHY KYOSUKE GOT CAUGHT BY RIHITO...
OVER
hehe
Saito doesn't smoke, stupid!
BAM

In addition, an easy way to tell the difference between the twins.

OH NO! OH NO! BIG PROBLEM!
CURRENTLY KEI
IS CONFUSED
THIS TIME IT'S MY TURN TO ACT WEIRD!!

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Princess Carry
EVER SINCE THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL
AH, SO IRRITATING, SO IRRITATING, WHAT A FAIN
ONCE I SEE KANZAKI, I INSTINCTIVELY WANT TO ESCAPE
Nervous
TO BE LIKE THIS IS REALLY NOT ME
BUT, I FEEL REALLY AWKWARD
Nervous
Nervous
Nervous
HALT
FOLLOW

BLU
NT
BECAUSE YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY
MEOW
WAIT A SECOND! WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME?!
!?
Wow stunned
IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU SCARED.
Smirk
Look at him laughing!
Ah, there is something wrong with Kanzaki
Now we know he belongs with us.
STUPID KANZAKI!
FEELS LIKE I'M SEEING THINGS THROUGH HER PERSPECTIVE
far away
he he
Idiot Dummy Moron
WA!
DON'T YOU DARE TAKE OUT THE PICTURES.
YOU TOO, RION?!
THANKS TO HIM, WE'VE SEEN A NEW EXPRESSION ON HASUMI
No matter what Kei still looks so cute.
Makes her feel very awkward
Princess army
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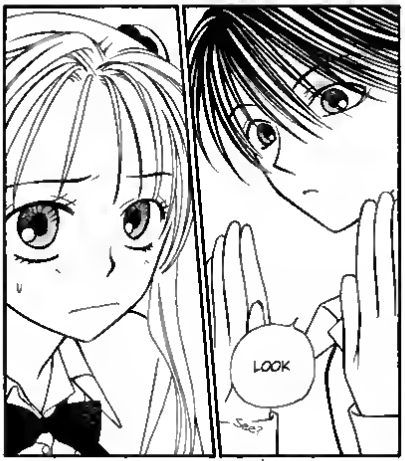
LOOK
See?

On the other side of the classroom.
Must be jimmies.
STILL, IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TEASE HER TOO MUCH
Come, come, come.
Don't know why he still has a hairy look on his face.
COME, I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING.

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN
KANZAKI SEEMS A BIT WEIRD WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?

THAT PERSON IS NOT SMALL!
DON'T PICK ON LITTLE KIDS.

runs

NO LONGER
A YOUNGER BROTHER !!
OH WELL
The reasons
Reason for pushing it.

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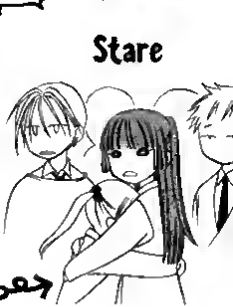
SFX: CRACK


Stare
OLDER THAN OTHERS BY A YEAR

*She means that the girl beside her is so smart that she's being picked out by the other people to solve problems.

KEI
SHINOGU.
SFX WHAT!?
えぇ!?
DO YOU HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW?
AH...
YEAH. SURE
But my brain is almost over
peer
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME HE NOTICED ME?

EH?
TO SHINOGU, OTHERS DON'T MATTER
AH!
HIJIRA YOUR EXPRESSION
WHAT?
HE GLARED AT ME
Wow! He took Kei away
shudder shudder
KANZAKI, WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?
IN THAT CASE,
OTHER THAN THOSE THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN, THOSE HE NOTICES...
THERE ARE ALSO VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO HE IS INTERESTED IN.

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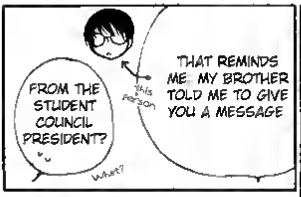
THAT REMINDS ME. MY BROTHER TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU A MESSAGE
this person
FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
What?

HE TREATS AS ENEMIES
What exactly did I do?
HE COULD'VE DONE IT *

Enemy attacks
HE SAID, "PROTECT YOURSELF"
sigh
KYAA

THAT GUY,
That guy.
I HEARD HE'S STAYING IN ROOM 205.
KAN... KANZAKI?
Is he talking about him?

EH?
YOU'VE BEEN IN THERE?
UH-HUH
THAT'S RIGHT
HEH
FELLS
HIS SISTER USED TO LIVE IN THAT APARTMENT,
THEN KANZAKI MOVED INTO THAT ROOM AND THE WHOLE ROOM IS VERY,
CUTE
AH, JUDGING FROM HIS CHARACTER,
A BULLIED VICTIM, A BULLIED VICTIM, A BULLIED VICTIM.
?
Intention
Nervous
Wave
Wave
But I shouldn't mention Sawada-kun, huh?
BUT THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED
AS THE PERSON WHO LIVES THERE IS DIFFERENT
THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE IS DIFFERENT
THE RING.
DID YOU FIND IT?

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I WON'T HATE YOU.
NOPE
DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
ALTHOUGH SHINOGU, YOU ARE MY COUSIN,
YOU ARE ALSO MY FRIEND.

WHAT DOES SUWA MEAN TO YOU?
!?
AN ETERNALLY SPECIAL PERSON

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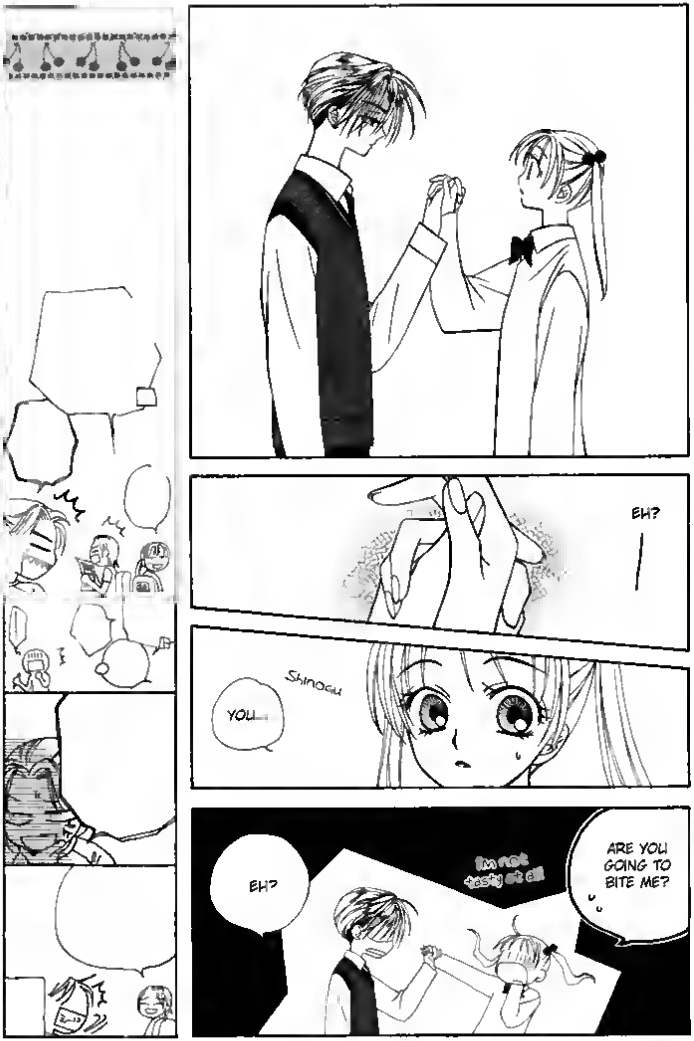
EH?
Shinoda
YOU...
EH?
I'm not tasty at all
ARE YOU GOING TO BITE ME?

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE WERE LIKE THIS...
shake
shake
I WON'T BITE YOU.
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?
SAYING RIDICULOUS THINGS AGAIN
EH?
IN THE PAST I USED TO DRAG YOU AROUND.

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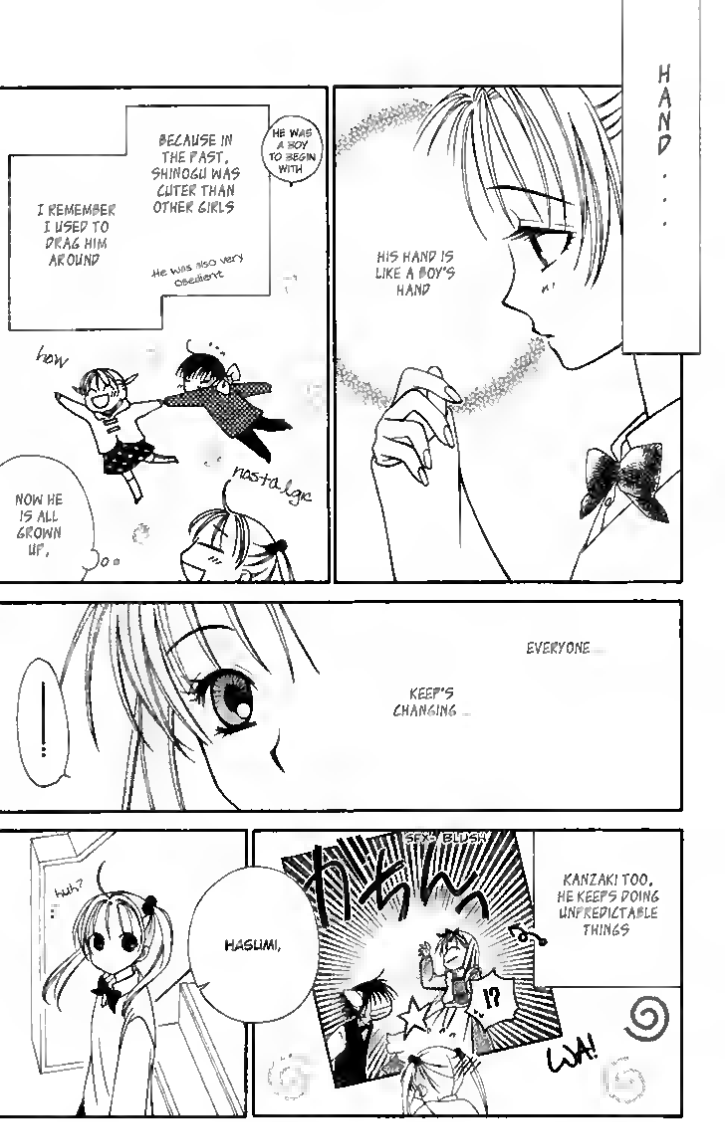
HAND . . .
HIS HAND IS LIKE A BOY'S HAND
I REMEMBER I USED TO DRAG HIM AROUND
BECAUSE IN THE PAST, SHINOBU WAS CUTER THAN OTHER GIRLS
He was also very obedient
HE WAS A BOY TO BEGIN WITH
NOW HE IS ALL GROWN UP,
wow
nostalgic
EVERYONE...
KEEP'S CHANGING...
!
KANZAKI TOO, HE KEEP'S DOING UNPREDICTABLE THINGS
SEXY BLUSH
!?
WA!
HASUMI,
huh?

* ROOM WHERE STUDENT'S ESSAYS, TESTS AND WORKSHEETS ARE FILED*

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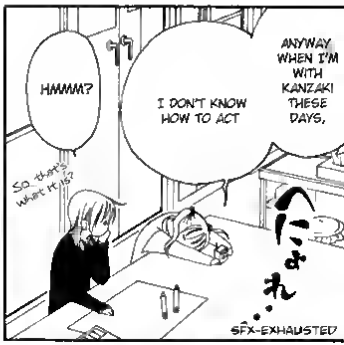
YUP.
slurp
A treat from Kimijima
OH!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU TWO ARE NOT TOGETHER TODAY.
How unexpected!
HASUMI, YOU ARE REALLY VERY CUTE.
WHY? HE CARRIED ME IN HIS ARMS!
AREN'T YOU AFRAID? KIMIJIMA, HOW CAN YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF A GIRL LIKE THAT?
Is this normal?
You must beware, girl guys, don't let them trick you.
NO, I AM A GUY.
I don't feel that way
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE!
KIMIJIMA EVEN HAS THE SMELL OF A GIRL.
THIS CONVERSATION HAS GONE OFF-TOPIC.
sniff
sniff
What do you mean?
IT'S OK TO BE WITH KANZAKI.
I'm not saying that
HE KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OTHERS,
HE IS SHARP, AND HE SHOOTS YOU DOWN IMMEDIATELY WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING SILLY
A FREE SPIRIT, WHO IS EASILY CONTROLLED, VIVA TO MYSELF
OH! ARASHI, YOU'RE SUCH A MAN-!

BUT YOU'RE CONSTANTLY SURROUNDED BY THOSE TYPES OF PEOPLE?
SUDDEN
EH?


HMMM?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT
ANYWAY, WHEN I'M WITH KANZAKI THESE DAYS,
So, that's what it is?
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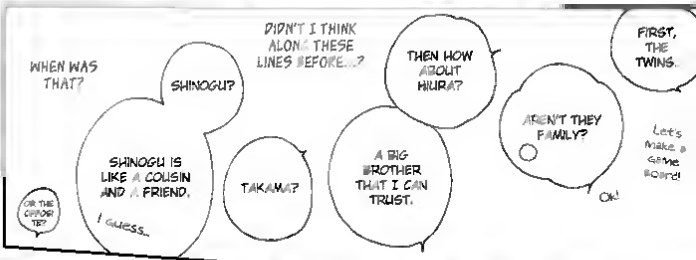
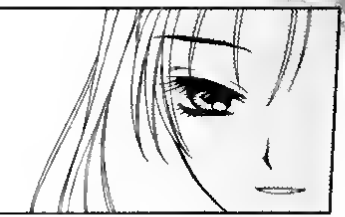
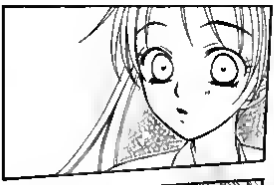
SFX-EXHAUSTED


WHEN WAS THAT?
SHINOGU?
SHINOGU IS LIKE A COUSIN AND A FRIEND. I GUESS...
OR THE OPPOSITE?
DIDN'T I THINK ALONG THESE LINES BEFORE...?
TAKAMA?
A BIG BROTHER THAT I CAN TRUST.
THEN HOW ABOUT MIURA?
AREN'T THEY FAMILY?
Ok!
FIRST, THE TWINS.
Let's make a game board!

WHAT DOES SUWA MEAN TO YOU?
HOW ABOUT SUWA?
The surroundings would be thrown out at the end
AH, THEN
KIMIJIMA, YOU ARE MY GIRL FRIEND
YOU TREAT EVERYONE LIKE "FAMILY"
Even though it's alright
You should nothing hurt somebody
THANK YOU

THAT IS,
A MEMORY IN MY HEART.
HE ALWAYS LISTENED PATIENTLY TO WHAT I SAID.
AN ETERNALLY SPECIAL PERSON.
WHEN YOU'RE SAD,
IT'S OKAY TO CRY.
SOMEONE WHO TOLD ME THAT WILLFUL, AND HEARTFELT WORDS
WERE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS
EVEN THOUGH I MAY NOT BE GOOD WITH WORDS,
HE WOULD ALWAYS ATTENTIVELY, VERY PATIENTLY HEAR ME OUT
Even though I wish to deny it





HE'S STILL,

SO VIVID IN MY HEAD

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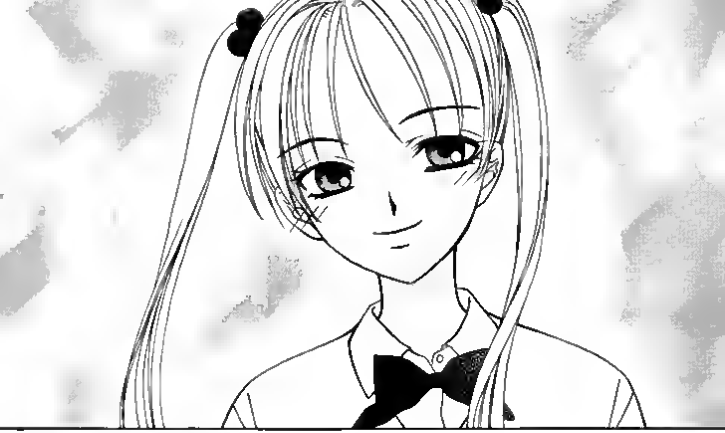
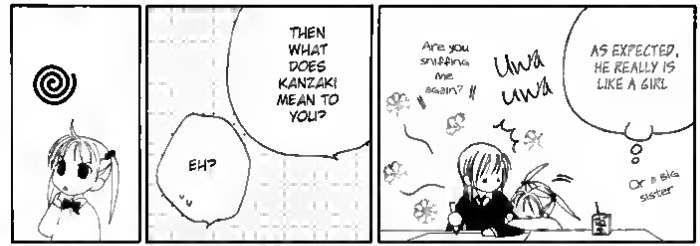
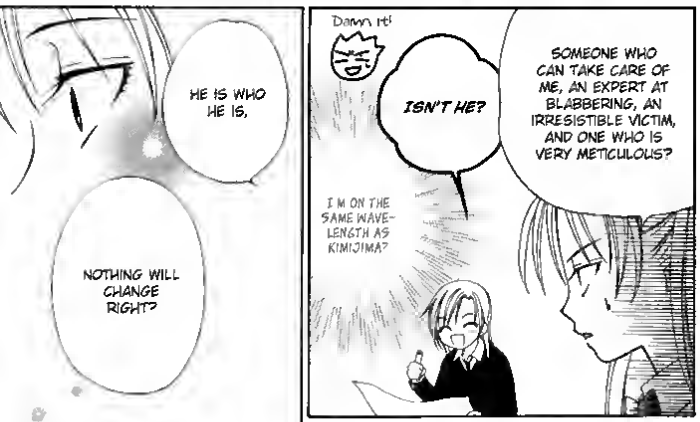
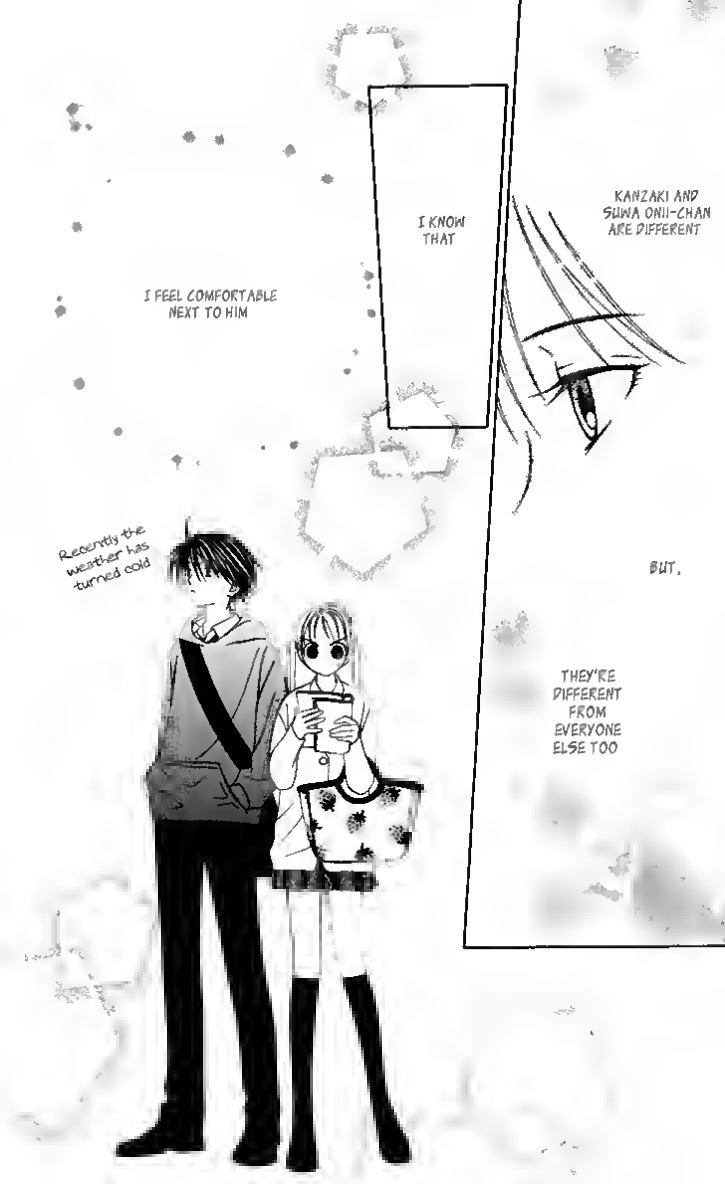



THEN WHAT DOES KANZAKI MEAN TO YOU?
EH?
Are you sniffing me again?
Uwa Uwa
AS EXPECTED, HE REALLY IS LIKE A GIRL
Or a big sister


HE IS WHO HE IS,
NOTHING WILL CHANGE RIGHT?
Damn it!
ISN'T HE?
I M ON THE SAME WAVE-LENGTH AS KIMIJIMA?
SOMEONE WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF ME, AN EXPERT AT BLABBERING, AN IRRESISTIBLE VICTIM, AND ONE WHO IS VERY METICULOUS?


I KNOW THAT
I FEEL COMFORTABLE NEXT TO HIM
KANZAKI AND SUWA ONII-CHAN ARE DIFFERENT
BUT,
THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE TOO
Recently the weather has turned cold

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SFX- GRAB
HASUM!
WAAAAAH!
KANZAKI AND SUWA ONII-CHAN ARE DIFFERENT
BUT, AS LONG AS...
I'M WITH KANZAKI, I FEEL ENERGIZED
Its name is "When you eat the sweets and your life is going around in circles I don't want!" Game
AND THAT'S QUITE AMAZING...
Yeah! Finished
Is there is surely some weird punishment game, right?

TAKAMA
YOU OBVIOUSLY REMEMBER.
WHILE THE OTHER PARTY FORGOT,
HOW CRUEL IS THAT?
BECAUSE TO THE OTHER PARTY,
THE EVENT NO LONGER EXISTS, AM I RIGHT?
ACTO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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BECAUSE THE RING,
IS RIGHT HERE
BUT I TOO AM STUPID...
THAT'S CALLED STUPIDITY
OPENS
FINDING THE RING...
WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING
THAT THING...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE SEARCHES FOR IT SHE WON'T FIND IT.

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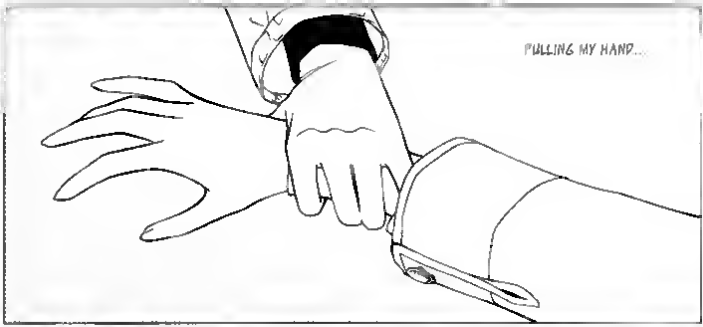

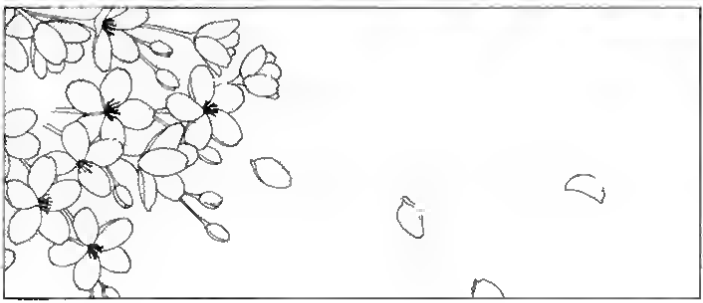

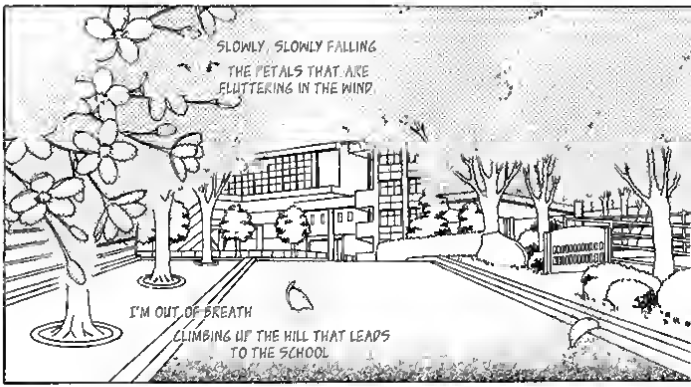
SLOWLY, SLOWLY FALLING
THE PETALS THAT ARE FLUTTERING IN THE WIND
I'M OUT OF BREATH
CLIMBING UP THE HILL THAT LEADS TO THE SCHOOL

OR DID I RUN DOWN?

I DON'T KNOW

WITH WHOM?

DID I TAKE THE LEAD?

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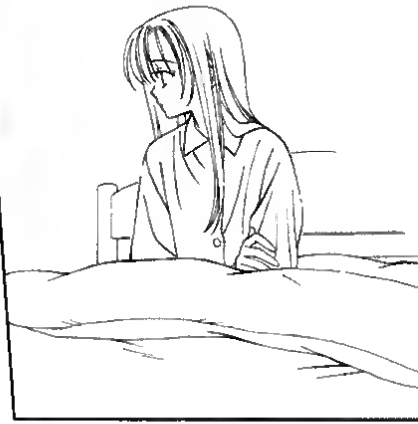
AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS SOMEBODY



EH?!

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Kanzaki

YOU CAN'T BE LIKE THIS, KYOSUKE
OW
SHIZU...
BEFORE YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OFF,
THIS IS TO PREVENT VIRUS INFECTION
IT'S HARD TO TELL IT DOESN'T FEEL THAT DIFFERENT
BUT I ACTUALLY REALLY WANT TO TAKE THIS THING OFF!
I can't see anything, damn it!
AH, IS THAT SO? ARE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE? IS IT PAINFUL? IS IT PAINFUL?
THAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE HELPED!
THIS CHILD SINCE A LONG TIME AGO, HAS HAD DIRTY THINGS ENTER INTO HIS EYES
THAT CAN CAUSE, A STY.
Ah, you must take good care of your own eyes
SINCE YESTERDAY NIGHT, I FELT THAT MY RIGHT EYE WAS A BIT WEIRD,
SO I DECIDED TO ASK SHIZU TO TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL TO GET IT CHECKED.
AH, THE DOLL SISTER
AH, THE MIDDLE SISTER!
Tee-hee, you are as cute as ever!
Didn't notice you

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I HOPE YOU'RE OKAY TODAY WITHOUT ME LOOKING AFTER YOU ♪
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
YES, I HAVE ALREADY INFORMED THEM.
BUT, YOU SHOULD HURRY UP, SO YOU'RE NOT LATE.
OK
COME, WE'RE GOING, KYOSUKE, GET IN THE CAR
YEAH, YEAH.
AH, HAVE YOU TAKEN LEAVE FROM SCHOOL?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL
TAKE CARE.
AAHHH...
How stupid.
SFX-WONK

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FINE, THEN YOU CAN HOLD MY HAND.
That had to hurt
KANZAKI'S GOT IT ROUGH
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LOOK WHERE YOU WERE GOING
IT IS ALL BECAUSE YOU MADE ME WEAR THIS EYE MASK!
IN THE END, I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO TELL HIM ABOUT MY DREAM
OH!
IN FRONT OF THE GATE,
STANDING STILL,
IT IS THIS RIGHT? I CAN'T BE WRONG.
IT IS THE SCENE.
IF ONLY THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WERE BLOOMING RIGHT NOW,
THEN MAYBE, JUST MAYBE I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REMEMBER SOMETHING,
I WILL HAVE TO WAIT TILL SPRING
Heh heh
I AM NOT CERTAIN,
BUT I KNOW,
THAT,

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AND THEN, THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE,
I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL TO HIDE THE RING
REALLY... WAS THERE SOMEONE ELSE?
THERE IS NO ONE IN THIS IMAGE.
I thought I remembered clearly already
SFX: DEPRESSED.
I'LL LET IT BY FOR NOW (YEAH RIGHT)
I'LL WAIT UNTIL I REMEMBER MORE THINGS BEFORE I THINK ABOUT IT AGAIN
Doesn't learn her lesson
MY BRAIN IS NOT SUITED FOR THINKING.

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SHINOGU...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING KEI?
!!
SAYING ALL THESE RIDICULOUS THINGS AGAIN
SURPRISE
DEEP... A MOMENT OF UNDERSTANDING ONE'S SELF...
HAVING FUN?
NO.
Nothing fun or interesting about it!
OH...
SHINOGU SEEMS TO HATE IT WHEN I TALK ABOUT SUWA.
Learning
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL HIM I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE RING
MY LIPS ARE SEALED

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SHAKILY, SHAKILY

THAT BLACK HAIR CONSTANTLY FLICKING

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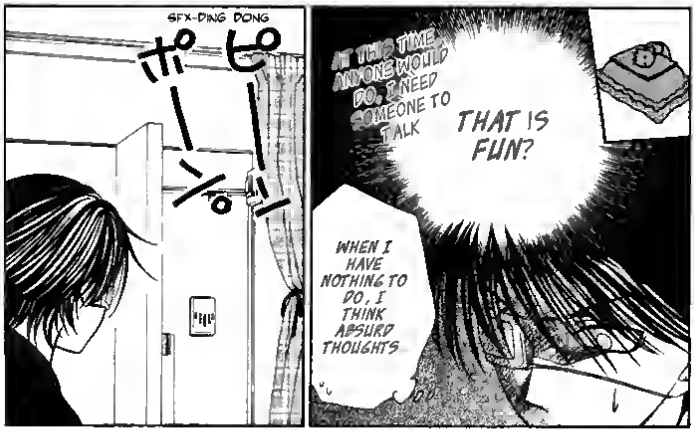
EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT HASUMI, BUT I AM STILL HAPPY AT MURASAKI NO TSUKA GAKUEN.
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS CLUB ACTIVITY, HAVING TO CLEAN UP, TAKE CARE OF OTHERS ETC, IT'S STILL FUN.
SFX- LAZY
だる
だる
WHILE I'M STILL PERFECTLY HEALTHY.
TELLING ME TO STAY IN BED,
SHIZU P'S ALREADY GONE BACK HOME.
You must also eat your meals on time.
Don't forget to put your slippers


SFX-DING DONG
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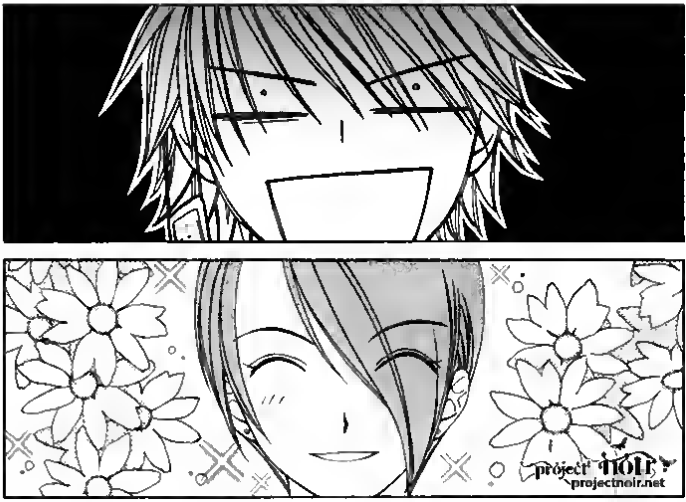
AT THIS TIME ANYONE WOULD DO, I NEED SOMEONE TO TALK
THAT IS FUN?
WHEN I HAVE NOTHING TO DO, I THINK ABSURD THOUGHTS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Gyaaa
WHY?! WHY DID YOU CLOSE THE DOOR?!
SLAM
DO YOU WANT TO KEEP ME OUTSIDE?!
RIGHT NOW IS A NON-HOLIDAY DAY
KANZAKI! KANZAKI!
Gyaaa

HOW ARE YOU?

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WAIT...
IF THAT WAS IT, YOU JUST NEEDED TO TELL TAKAMA-SENSEI TO GIVE IT TO ME
I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU MYSELF
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY YOURSELF?

EH?
HOW'D YOU EVEN KNOW I WAS HERE?
YOU SHOULD HAVE WAKENED ME FIRST, TAKAMA!
THAT'S BECAUSE I RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM TAKAMA SAYING, "KANZAKI IS ON SICK LEAVE."
By the way is your eye Ok?
etc...
IS SENSEI,
PREVENTING YOU FROM COMING?
FURTHER-MORE, IF IT WAS NOT LIKE THIS,
I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO COME OVER

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WHOSE SAKE IS THIS FOR?
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO
A TIME WHEN THERE WAS NO LIFE IN HER EYES...
IS IT TO PREVENT HASUMI FROM MEETING WITH SUWA?
WHEN WOULD THIS END?
PROMISED
EH?
SUWA, YOU KNOW ABOUT HASUMI'S MATTER?
WHAT PROMISE?

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THE CURRENT MOTHER IS THE SECOND WIFE.
HER CHILD IS TAKAMA SHINOGU. (A BROTHER WITH NO BLOOD RELATIONS)
Really complicated
THAT'S RIGHT.
YUP
THE FATHER...
DO YOU KNOW THE MEMBERS OF THE TAKAMA FAMILY?
THE TAKAMA... FAMILY?

I HEARD THAT AFTER TAKAMA BECAME THEIR ADOPTED SON, ABOUT AFTER A YEAR OR SO, SHE PASSED AWAY
AUNTIE KAYANO IS HIS AUNT, AND IS ALSO HIS FATHER'S EX-WIFE
SHE WAS A SICKLY WOMAN.
BUT TO TAKAMA,
SINCE CHILDHOOD, SHE WAS VERY SPECIAL TO HIM.
TAKAMA SAID "EVEN IN THE END, I WAS UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING FOR HER."
THAT'S WHY, TO SAY WHY HE IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT KEI... I
That's what I heard
EVEN UNTIL NOW, IT STILL BOTHERS HIM
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IT IS NOT LOVE,
HE SAYS HE WANTS TO PROTECT KEI, AS SHE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM
AND NOT AS A REPLACEMENT FOR ANYONE,
IT'S BECAUSE THEY LOOK VERY SIMILAR,
BE IT IN TERMS OF LOOKS OR ACTIONS, SHE IS VERY SIMILAR WITH AUNTIE KAYANO.
!?
IT IS SIMPLY THAT HE WISHES THAT,
THAT THEY SUBCONSCIOUSLY OVERLAP IN HIS MIND.
WISHES THAT SHE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE A SMILE ON HER FACE
SHE WOULD GAIN HAPPINESS
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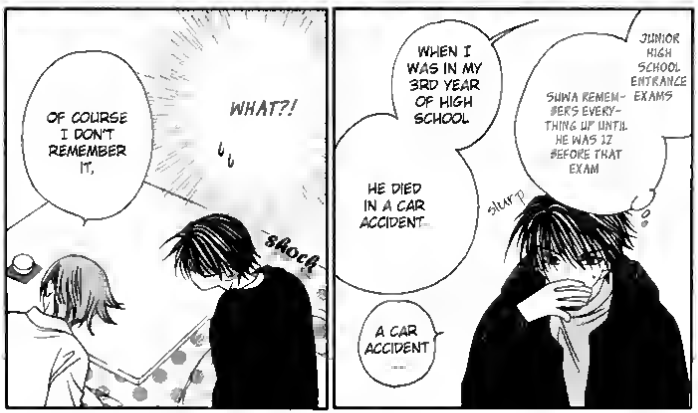
The Nurse
MY BROTHER USED TO TUTOR CHOKO, AND HER SISTER, TO GET THEM READY FOR THE JUNIOR HIGH ENTRANCE EXAMS.
AH, KANZAKI, YOU KNOW CHOKO, RIGHT?
YUP.
Where's that coming from?!
EH?
I was always climbing to him
I HAVE A BROTHER WHO IS OLDER THAN ME BY EIGHT YEARS.


OF COURSE I DON'T REMEMBER IT.
WHAT?!
SHOCK
WHEN I WAS IN MY 3RD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
HE DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT.
A CAR ACCIDENT
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS
SUWA REMEMBERS EVERYTHING UP UNTIL HE WAS 12 BEFORE THAT EXAM
stop!

PROBABLY BECAUSE...
BUT,
I AM ABLE TO SAY ONE THING.
THE OLD ME SAVED KEI,
BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT,
TO LOSE ANYONE SPECIAL TO ME IN AN ACCIDENT.
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EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT ABLE TO SAY THAT EVERYTHING TAKAMA DOES IS RIGHT,
BUT, SO WHAT IF WE MAKE MISTAKES?
IF A PERSON DOESN'T EVER DO ANY WRONG, ISN'T THAT VERY SCARY?

SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO.

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"SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO..."
...I FEEL THAT YOU CAN GET CLOSER TO THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BECOME
IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT OBSERVING,
TO USE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ACTUALLY DO IT...
...EVEN IF IT'S NOT 100% PERFECT.

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ALL I REMEMBER ABOUT KEI,
...IS WHEN I AWOKE FROM THE HOSPITAL, I MET HER ONCE...
...SO I CAN ONLY REMEMBER THAT,

WHAT?
thuh.
Yeah, last time I checked!
YOU REALLY ARE SUWA.
I get the feeling that it's really you.

.....
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU FROM HASUMI...

shine
EVERYTHING I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MYSELF UP TO
THE EVENTS THAT LED UP TO THE CAR ACCIDENT, ALL IN DETAIL IN THIS VERY BOOK!
Kya.a
"!
THERE. IS. ALSO. THIS.
MY SECRET DIARY!!!

Diary
DIARY?
I'VE BEEN WRITING IN THIS SINCE I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I WAS INFLUENCED BY MY BROTHER.
This is the most recent. There are others as well
BUT I WAS A PRETTY INTERESTING CHARACTER.
I WAS SO IRRITABLE THAT IT'S FUNNY
SO, THAT'S WHY HE KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT HIMSELF
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WITH HER.
I MADE A PROMISE.
KEI APPEARED IN IT AS WELL.
irritable?
!!

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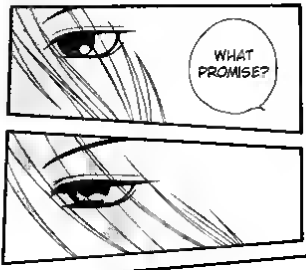

TO WRITE A BOOK FOR HER.

ONE THAT IS...

...EASY TO READ.

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HASUMI,
HASUMI,

EVEN IF THIS
PERSON'S MEMORY
IS ERASED OF YOU,

YOUR ACTIONS
WON'T BE UNAP-
PRECIATED

LET ME TELL YOU,

SUWA IS SUWA, THIS
IS SOMETHING THAT
WILL NEVER CHANGE

I AM A GIRL WHO
DOESN'T LIKE TO
GIVE UP.

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LET'S THINK ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW,

TO BE ABLE TO,

REACH CLOSER TO OUR DREAMS

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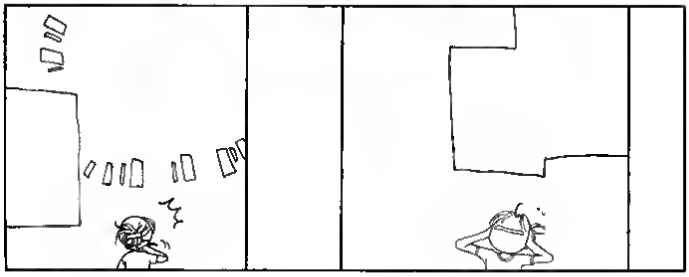
THIS IS WHAT THE SERVICE CLUB IS DOING TODAY
THE 2ND SEMESTER EXAMS ARE COMING SOON
IN THE MIDST OF NOVEMBER, THE WEATHER'S GETTING COOLER
HEY, KANZAKI
ARE YOU GOING HOME FOR WINTER BREAK?



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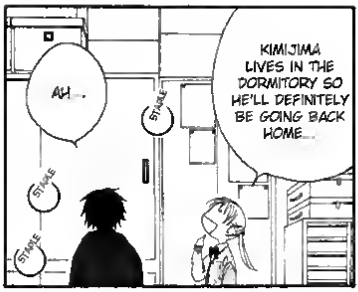

#A-s the last letter of the katakana?

HE'S USUALLY COMPLAINING WHEN DOING JOBS.
BUT HE'S HARDLY SAID A WORD.
STOP WHISPERING AND CLEAN UP QUICKLY!
MUTTER MUTTER
YES, SIR
THE MIGHTY KANZAKI
MUTTER
HE DOESN'T LOOK MOTIVATED WHEN DOING SOMETHING.
EVER SINCE HIS EYES HAVE RECOVERED
DON'T MAKE MORE WORK FOR ME.
Ah! Seriously! It's so messed up
Ahhhh!
Beep Beep Beep
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT BEING COMMON? COMMON IS GOOD
EVERY TIME I HEAR YOUR RING TONE, IT SOUNDS SO COMMON.

SFX-QUICK
KANZAKI, ABOUT YOUR WINTER BREAK
WHAT?!
AH, DAMN IT
WHAT? WHAT IS IT? YOU LOOK VERY SUSPICIOUS!
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY?
UWAA!
A GIRL?
SEEMS LIKE A GIRL SENT IT TO YOU?
IT'S NOTHING, NOTHING!
I'M SO STUPID
WAIT...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY A LADIES MAN, AREN'T YOU?
UH..
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF IT IS FROM A GIRL?

sigh
NOT THAT I CAN EVER TELL HER...
WHY ISN'T SHE SAYING ANYTHING?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
Already forgotten about it?
受信BOX
未読1/100
001
(no title)
002
...WHO THIS E-MAIL IS FROM
I am Suwa Kakeru.
What he wanted
Let's be e-mail buddies!
Hey!
And after that most of the e-mail contents have no meaning at all (Actually, all of them.)
I'm so hungry T.T From Suwa
Lets eat something
Reply
EVER SINCE SUWA-SAN'S SUDDEN VISIT TO ROOM 209,
SOMETIMES WE SEND EACH OTHER E-MAILS
I'LL READ IT LATER
I THINK RATHER THAN WORRYING ABOUT WINTER BREAK YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT FINAL EXAMS INSTEAD
THAT'S A DELICATE SUBJECT!
NO, IT'S NOT.
bang

...IS THAT THE MAIL KEEPS COMING WHEN HASUMI'S AROUND
uwa Final Exam!
Ma-ths problem 1
Mail
THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THAT
Eyes keep twitching
Hmm
Blip
Bop
Bup
THE FIRST DIFFICULTY IS THAT MY EYES GET TIRED EASILY WHEN TYPING
And he's not good at typing long messages so he only replies in one or two sentences.
AND THE OTHER
Totally Clueless
AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY HE GAVE ME HIS E-MAIL ADDRESS IN THE FIRST PLACE
Sigh
Groan
I'VE MET UP WITH SUWA-SAN.
THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT HASUMI DOESN'T KNOW THAT—
BUT

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IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT OBSERVING,
TO USE WHAT YOU CAN DO, TO ACTUALLY DOING IT
...EVEN IF IT'S NOT 100% PERFECT...
AFTER GETTING USED TO THE REAL SUWA-SAN...
THOUGH IT MAY BE WEIRD TO SAY THIS,
BUT IT FEELS LIKE I'M TALKING TO HASUMI
...IT'S MAKES IT EASIER TO TALK TO HIM.
I FEEL THAT YOU CAN GET CLOSER TO THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BECOME
ALTHOUGH I DON'T THINK I CAN EVER COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HIM
AT THAT MOMENT,
staple
BESIDES...
I REALLY FELT THAT SUWA-SAN WAS BEING HIMSELF...

...THE GUY SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH.
KANZAKI, TEACH ME MATH!
-crying crying-
EH? NOW?
AND I FELT INSPIRED BY HIS WORDS AND FELT MOTIVATED. AM I TOO GULLIBLE?
Besides that, the only thing I learn at night now are still-lifes...
NO BEING MOTIVATED IS A GOOD THING.
THAT PERSON WHO HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF WHAT HAPPENED FROM 12 YEARS OLD ONWARDS...
...STILL WANTS TO WRITE A BOOK FOR HASUMI WHICH HE PROMISED. A BOOK WRITTEN FOR HASUMI.
I FELT MOVED.
SFX: UH-HUH...
OKAY..

I am going to write a book for her
If he gets to see Hazumi
He'll definitely be very happy
SFX: UM, UM, UM, UM, UM, UM
I WANT TO TELL HER...
...BUT I CAN'T! I CAN'T SAY IT BEFORE WE FIND THE RING!
TOLERATING IT
I don't get it!
WHAT A SUFFERING LOVE!

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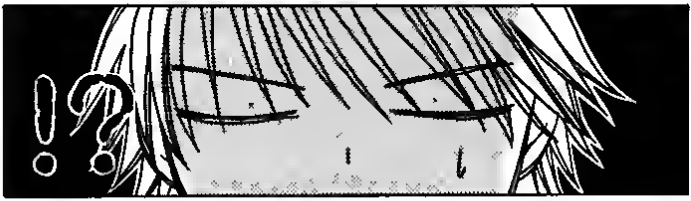
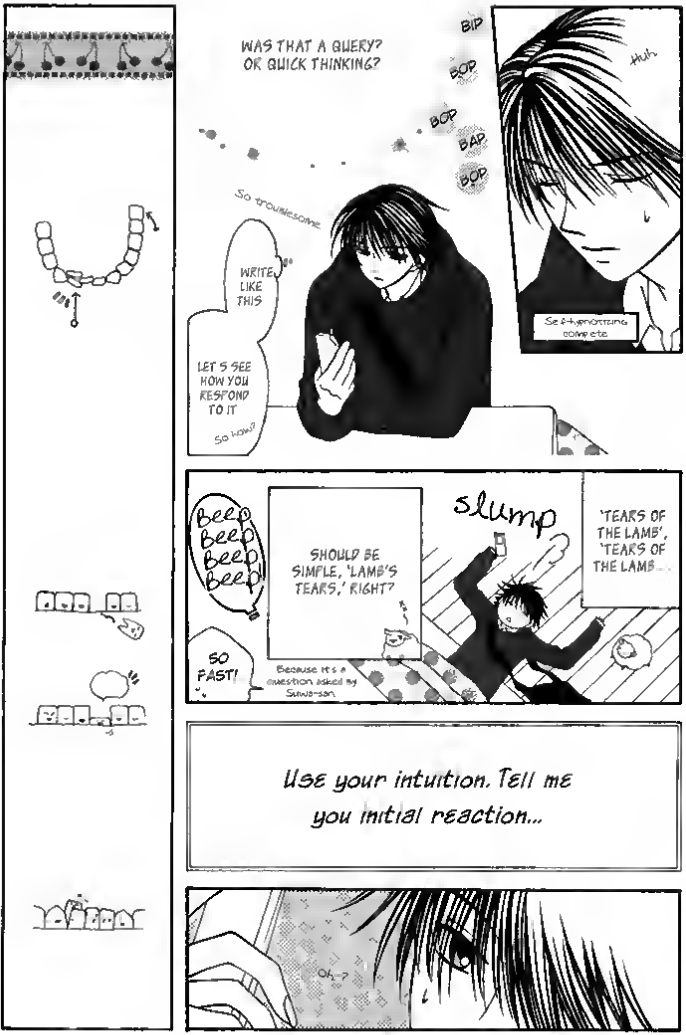
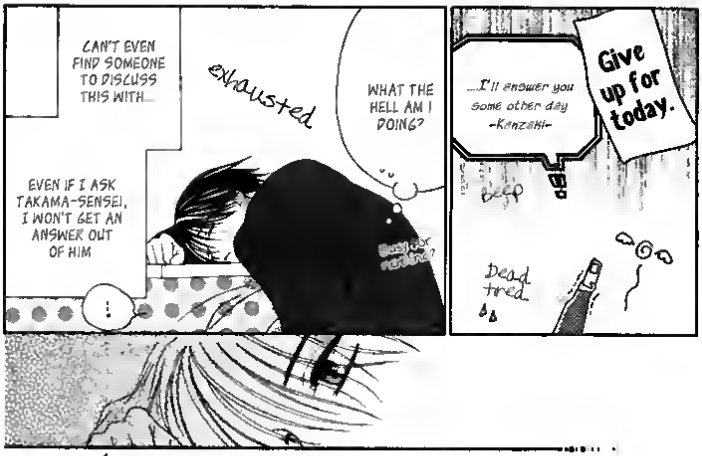
What is Tears of the Lamb?

Kakeru Suwa



SFX: THUD
ドーン
WHAT IS...? WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!
E-mail sent in the evening by Suwa
He's still the same! Sending me such a weird e-mail
SHOULD I THINK OF A WAY TO HANDLE THIS PERSON...?
Beep beep
Beep Beep
SO FAST!
Bip
What do you mean?
Bop
Bop
I won't lose to you!
Take that! Take that!
ALRIGHT! SENT!
What do you mean by, "What do you mean?"
IS HE TRYING TO START A FIGHT?!
I NEED TO CALM DOWN!
THIS PERSON IS OF THE SAME KIND AS HASUMI
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S NOT 27 YEARS OLD, HE'S NOT 27 YEARS OLD, HE'S NOT 27 YEARS OLD!
Hypnotizing himself


WAS THAT A QUERY? OR QUICK THINKING?
BIP
BOP
BOP
BAP
BOP
Huh.
Self-hypnotizing complete.
So troublesome.
WRITE LIKE THIS
LET'S SEE HOW YOU RESPOND TO IT
So how?
Beep beep beep beep!
SHOULD BE SIMPLE, 'LAMB'S TEARS,' RIGHT?
slump
'TEARS OF THE LAMB', 'TEARS OF THE LAMB'...
SO FAST!
Because it's a question asked by Sunajo-san.
Use your intuition. Tell me you initial reaction...
Oh...?


CAN'T EVEN FIND SOMEONE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH...
EVEN IF I ASK TAKAMA-SENSEI, I WON'T GET AN ANSWER OUT OF HIM
exhausted
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?
Give up for today.
...I'll answer you some other day -Kanzaki-
beep
Dead tired.

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In the midst of observing Kei...
STARE
THIS PART REALLY LOOKS LIKE THE 'LAME'
the back of the head
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS TIME IT'S KANZAKI?
PRICKLE
PRICKLE
PRICKLE
BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE
Sawamura does not know the present dilemma
KANZAKI?
KEI.
WHAT OF KEI IS IT REFERRING TO?
Don't even know what it refers to...
EVEN IF HE WANTS TO KNOW MY INITIAL REACTION, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
CAN I THINK OF IT AS SOMETHING TO DO WITH HASUMI?
LET'S LEAVE IT AS THIS.
...THEN,

AOTO, GOOD MORNING...
GOOD MORNING...
PRESIDENT, GOOD MORNING...
RION TOOK LEAVE FOR TODAY BECAUSE SHE CAUGHT A COLD
EH...? IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
SHE'S GETTING SOME REST NOW,
SO TRY TO SEND HER AN E-MAIL WHEN YOU'RE FREE.
OK!
...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M ALRIGHT.
WHY DO YOU SUDDENLY ASK ME THAT?
OUR HOUSE'S DAILY HOMEWORK IS TO WASH OUR HANDS AND RINSE OUR MOUTH TO PREVENT OURSELVES FROM GETTING A COLD.
Hah hah
I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT YOU GETTING THE COLD
Is it?
Csla m
A(n) e-mail has been received

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OH, RIGHT.
WAS SHINOGU ALL RIGHT AFTER THAT?
RECENTLY, IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
THAT GUY DOESN'T REALLY LIKE TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME WORRY ABOUT HIM.
KEI IS ALWAYS PUTTING OTHER PEOPLE'S MATTERS BEFORE HERS.
Am I?

in unison
NO SUCH THING.
I CAN SAY IT, BECAUSE IT'S ME!
WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT ...?!
Roar
Roar
Roar
WHY WHAT?!
WHY?!
YES...
AH!
YOU TWO...
DON'T BE LATE FOR THIS MORNING'S HOMEROOM CLASS.

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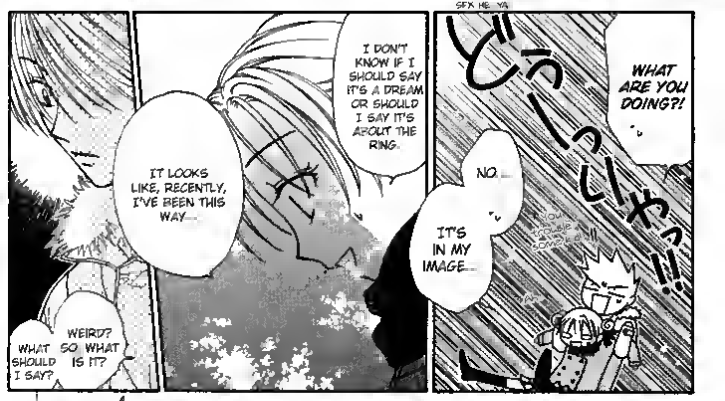
SFX. HE...YA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
NO...
IT'S IN MY IMAGE...
I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD SAY IT'S A DREAM OR SHOULD I SAY IT'S ABOUT THE RING.
IT LOOKS LIKE, RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN THIS WAY...
WEIRD?
SO WHAT IS IT?
WHAT SHOULD I SAY?

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HASUMI,
ABOUT ALL THE THINGS RELATED TO THE RING WHICH YOU REMEMBERED,
DO YOU WANT TO TRY REORGANIZING IT?
WHY IS IT THAT AT THE VERY BEGINNING YOU WOULD WANT TO COME TO THE CLUB'S ROOM TO LOOK FOR IT?
TRY, AND THINK ABOUT IT AGAIN.
BUT THE RING'S NOT HERE...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
...THAT DAY,
Eh? Only you?
I WENT TO SUWA-SAN'S PLACE
THEN I TOOK THE CHANCE,
WHEN SUWA-SAN AND THE PUBLISHING COMPANY WERE CONFIRMING A PROJECT...

THAT'S RIGHT!
HE PUT IT RIGHT THERE, OUT IN THE OPEN?
He's pretty careless
Books tend to form in piles at his place.
He loses research notes all
BUT, HE'S SO TIDY!
...FROM THEN ON,
I OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T THINK ...
...WITH THE RING
AND RAN OFF...
...OR THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
AND RAN HERE

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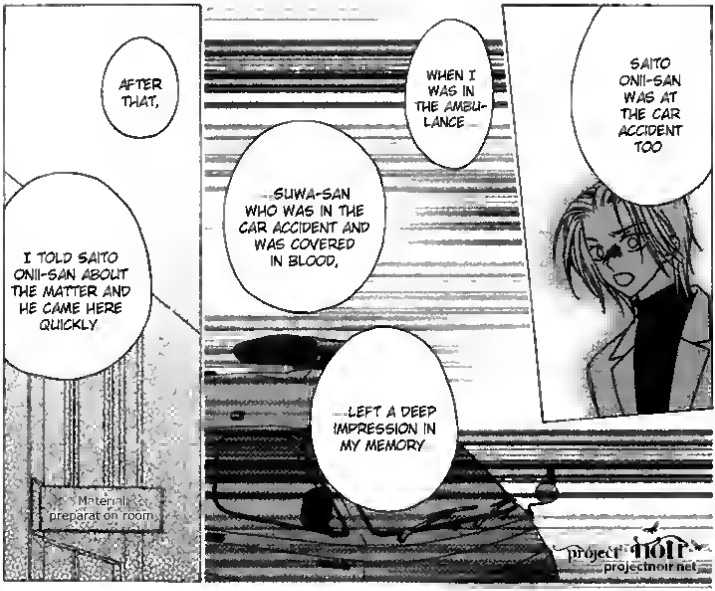
AFTER THAT,
I TOLD SAITO ONII-SAN ABOUT THE MATTER AND HE CAME HERE QUICKLY
Maternity preparation room
SUWA-SAN WHO WAS IN THE CAR ACCIDENT AND WAS COVERED IN BLOOD,
WHEN I WAS IN THE AMBULANCE
LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION IN MY MEMORY
SAITO ONII-SAN WAS AT THE CAR ACCIDENT TOO
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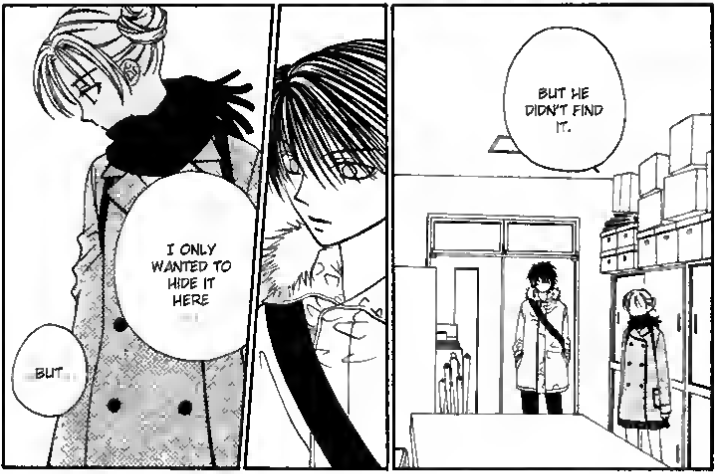
BUT
I ONLY WANTED TO HIDE IT HERE
BUT HE DIDN'T FIND IT.

I STILL THINK THAT I HAD COME TO THE SCHOOL
...THAT
QUICKLY,
MOVING FAST ON THE HILL, ON THE WAY TO THE SCHOOL
QUICKLY, CLIMBING UP THE HILL
THAT DREAM
...WAS WHAT HAPPENED AT THAT TIME

...WHAT DID I FORGET?
I CAN'T ...
...AH
AM I AFRAID OF THE FACT THAT I HID SUCH AN IMPORTANT RING...
...HID IT AND WANTED TO FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE MATTER?
REMEMBER ANYTHING.
ABOUT SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER

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YOU'VE REFLECTED ON YOUR MISTAKE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN TRYING YOUR VERY BEST TO FIND THE RING?
!!
HASUMI, YOU TOLD ME THIS BEFORE, RIGHT?
YOU SAID, THINK THAT NEXT TIME TO MAKE SURE IT NEVER 'HAPPENS' AGAIN.
IT WILL BE FINE. THEN YOU WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN.
I'M SORRY FOR TELLING YOU THINGS THAT UPSET YOU.
BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS TRIED YOUR BEST BY YOURSELF AND IN THE END, IT ALL RESULTED TO NOTHING.
SO,

YOU JUST NEED TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCTS.
DO WHATEVER YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW AND IT'LL BE FINE
SFX: DOKI
CAN I REALLY FIND THE RING?
ドキーン
THIS IS WHAT SUWA-SAN WOULD USUALLY SAY

HMPH
YOU WILL FIND THE RING!
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THANK YOU.

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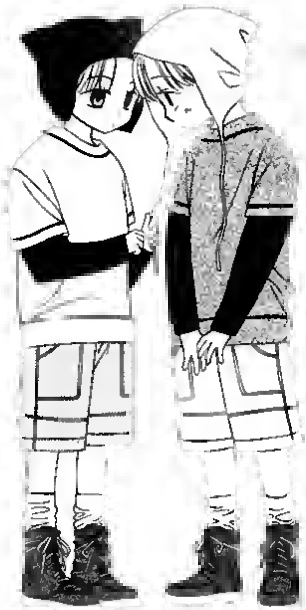
THINKING OF
WHAT IT MEANS
FOR TWO PEOPLE
TO BE BORN
TOGETHER.



YUP, IT'S 37.8 DEGREES.
IT'S DEFINITELY A COLD.
RIHITO, YOU'D BETTER TAKE LEAVE FROM WORK.
DON'T MAKE A SICK PATIENT UNEASY!
DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE YOUR PLACE AT THE SHOP?
cough cough
YOU'VE ALWAYS GOTTEN FEVERS EASILY.
WHAT A HEADACHE!
On a Sunday too
cough cough
AND YOU'RE THE HEALTHY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP

pops up
RIHITO ONII-SAN,
ARE YOU OK?
AH... NO NO, YOU CAN'T COME IN,
KEI, OR YOU'LL CATCH IT!
The germs on Rihito are very scary
choke
THERE'S NO NEED TO WATCH
How cute
THEN, CAN I WATCH FROM HERE?
Hides...
What?!
STUPID RIHITO ONII-SAN!
THEN I'M GOING OVER TO KYOSUKE'S!
SFX SLAM

I'LL CALL THE SHOP FOR YOU.
cough
YOU JUST REST AT HOME FOR TODAY.
cough
cough
cough
COUGHING UP BLOOD!
SINCE I WAS SMALL,
MY FEELINGS WOULD ALWAYS SHOW ON MY FACE,
Whoosh
IRRITATING! SHOWING SUCH A CALM FACE
breathes in
SFX CLOSES
WHILE, MY BROTHER SAITO IS THE TYPE WITH WHOM YOU CAN NEVER GUESS WHAT HE'S THINKING

SAITO AND I ARE IDENTICAL TWINS
the usual me (boutique owner)
Saito (no matter how you look at him he still looks like a duke / high school teacher)
BECAUSE WE LOOKED IDENTICAL, PEOPLE PAID US A LOT OF ATTENTION
BUT, MANY PEOPLE TREAT US AS "2 PEAS IN A POD."
WHENEVER SOMEONE SEES US AS 1 BODY
I GET ANGRY
BUT AT THIS TIME, SAITO WHO IS WITH ME,
WILL ONLY SMILE,
THAT'S THE WAY HE IS.

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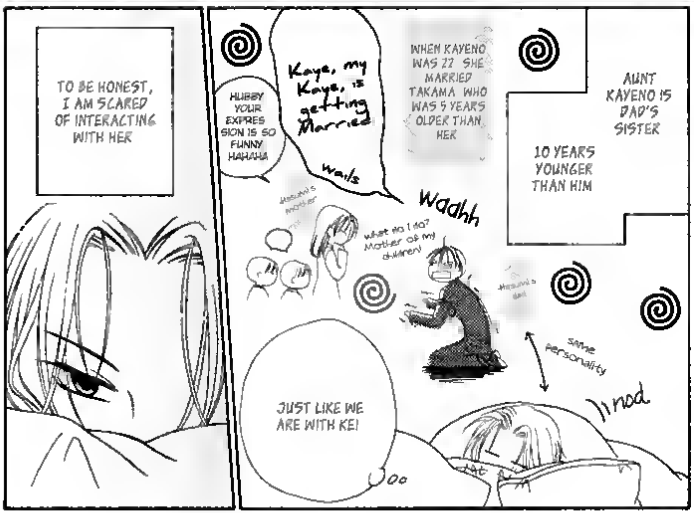
Became Takama Saito.
WENT TO AUNT AND UNCLE'S HOUSE TO BE THEIR ADOPTED SON.
AND THE TIME WHEN I LEAST UNDERSTOOD HIM, WAS DURING THAT EVENT.
FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, SAITO,


TO BE HONEST, I AM SCARED OF INTERACTING WITH HER
HUBBY YOUR EXPRESSION IS SO FUNNY HAHAHA
Kaye, my Kaye, is getting Married
wails
WHEN KAYENO WAS 22 SHE MARRIED TAKAMA WHO WAS 5 YEARS OLDER THAN HER
AUNT KAYENO IS DAD'S SISTER
10 YEARS YOUNGER THAN HIM
Wadhh
what do I do? Mother of my children!
same personality
JUST LIKE WE ARE WITH KE!
nod.

TERRIFIED THE YOUNG ME SO MUCH I REJECTED HER..
BEING HUGGED BY THOSE ARMS THAT ARE SO THIN, THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'LL BREAK
The stiff Rihito (age 5) facing Kayano.
SISTER, RIHITO IS ALREADY SO SCARED DON'T FORCE HIM.
Come on, don't be scared!
Smile smile
Smile smile

Little Saito lets play
Alright!
YET, FACING SUCH AN AUNT,
SAITO WAS VERY CLOSE TO HER

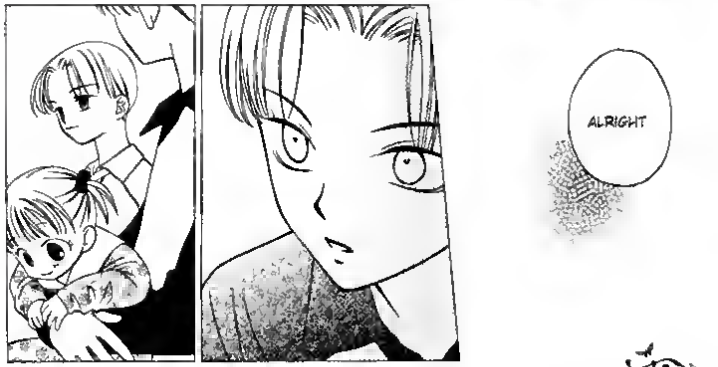
SLIGHTLY FRAIL BODY,
THE AUNT WHO LOOKS A LOT LIKE KEI,
MADE US FEEL THAT IF WE DIDN'T TREAT HER GENTLY, SHE WOULD BREAK
A SENSITIVE WOMAN

HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS AUNT CHANGED FROM BEING CLOSE TO GENTLE
AS SAITO GREW UP,
THERE IS ONE MORE REASON WHY I'M SCARED OF AUNT
RIHITO IS THE ELDEST SON, SO IT IS NOT POSSIBLE,
KEI IS THE DAUGHTER EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO, BUT THERE'RE NO SUCH PROBLEMS WITH SAITO.
ONII-CHAN, CAN SAITO COME TO OUR HOME?
HOW NICE IT WILL BE IF SAITO IS OUR SON.

KAYENO, KAYENO, YOU'RE BEING RUDE TO THE TWINS!
REALLY? SISTER-IN-LAW.
KAYENO, TRY HARDER, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM!
Because he's a dummy.
Onii-chan's in trouble now.
SHE, WHO COULDN'T GET PREGNANT, FREQUENTLY SAID THINGS LIKE THAT.
YU---, THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM ASKING FOR A PUPPY OR KITTEN.
I, YOUR ONII-CHAN, AM HAVING A HEADACHE OVER THIS MATTER.
hmm

I AM THE ONLY ONE FUMING OVER,
HER TONE OF "SINCE YOU HAVE TWO, YOU CAN SPARE ME ONE"
BECAUSE I ALSO WANT TO BE A MOTHER!
PIYO PIYO
2 year old Kei
YUI!
THAT'S RIGHT, TOO RUDE

T/N- LIKE A LITTLE BIRD



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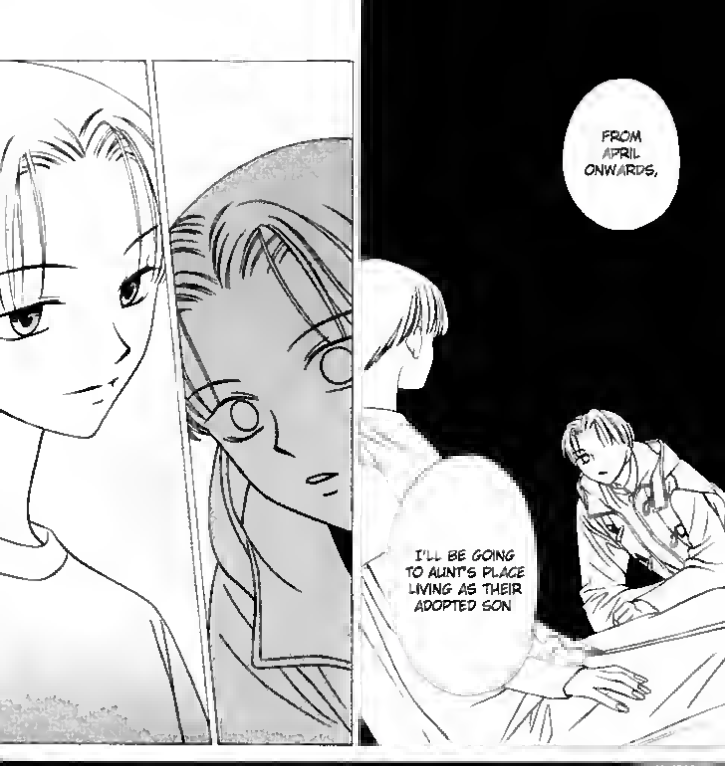
SAITO WHO PLAYED ALONG WITH THE JOKE
REALLY, SAITO?
THEN IT BECAME REALITY
I PASSED THE EXAM.
YOU'RE BACK, RIHITO.
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE FINALLY FINISHED THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.
OH.....
SAYONARA, THE GREY LIFE OF AN EXAMINEE.
WE'VE BOTH OFFICIALLY BECOME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THEN I CAN FINALLY TELL YOU.
?


FROM APRIL ONWARDS,
I'LL BE GOING TO AUNT'S PLACE LIVING AS THEIR ADOPTED SON

THIS WAS DECIDED LONG AGO.
I WAS SHOCKED

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TO SAITO.

HER PRESENCE

WAS ALREADY THAT IMPORTANT...

.....

HITO

RI..HITO...

It would be so nice if Saito is our son

BUT THINKING AFTER-WARD,

SHINOZUKA WAS VERY NEAR AUNT'S PLACE...

SAITO IS LEAVING ME?

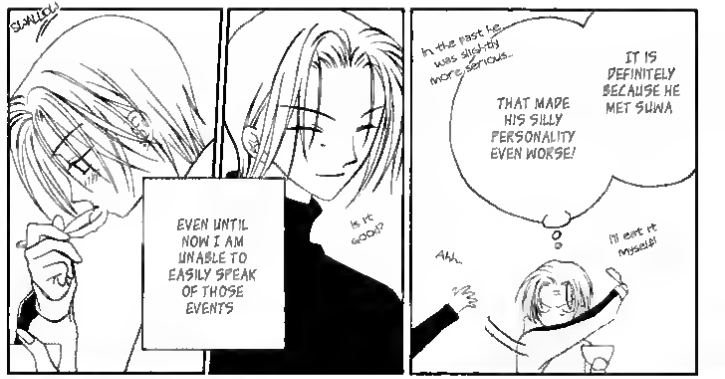
OUR DREAMS WERE ALREADY DIFFERENT

WHEN SAITO CHANGED HIS SCHOOL TO SHINOZUKA ACADEMY.

I ONLY THOUGHT "THAT'S JUST LIKE SAITO" AND DID NOT ASK FURTHER

RIHITO
gasp
...S-Ai...
I'M SORRY TO WAKE YOU UP,
I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO EAT SOME FOOD AND TAKE YOUR MEDICINE BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP.
I COOKED, SO PLEASE EAT IT IF YOU WANT TO
.....
IT WAS A DREAM.
DREAM?
NOTHING
TO HIM,

choke
LET ME FEED YOU
AM I NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL. ?
DON'T TREAT HUMANS AS TOYS!
choke
nah
because something like this hasn't happened in ages, I subconsciously wanted to do this.
Even from before, you're the only one who gets sick from a cold.
DON'T BE HAPPY, DON'T ENJOY THIS!
click
click
Here
AND DON'T EVEN OPEN YOUR MOUTH!
LIKE NEWLY WEDS!
huff
haa
cough


SIGHHH!
EVEN UNTIL NOW I AM UNABLE TO EASILY SPEAK OF THOSE EVENTS
Is it good?
In the past he was slightly more serious...
IT IS DEFINITELY BECAUSE HE MET SUWA
THAT MADE HIS SILLY PERSONALITY EVEN WORSE!
I'll sort it myself
AHH...

EVEN NOW I CAN FEEL,
THE UNEXPLAINABLE FRUSTRATION WITHIN HIM
AND THE INSECURITY WITHOUT HIM,
ONLY WHEN I WAS ALONE DID I BEGIN TO THINK
OF THE FREEDOM WITHOUT THIS GUY,
...AND,
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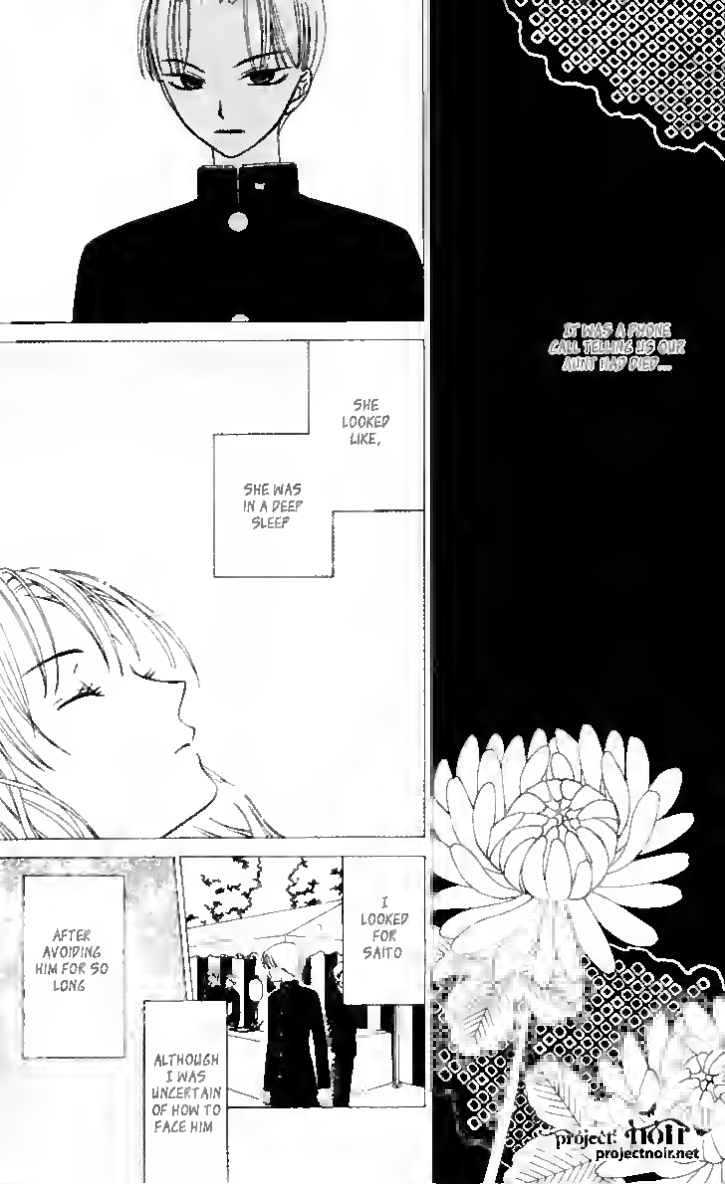
BECAUSE I WANTED HIM TO REMAIN UNAWARE OF THESE FEELINGS,
I DID MY BEST TO AVOID HIM.
THAT DAY CAME
...BUT,

RIHITO ONII-SAN?
...!
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU HURT?
RIHITO ONII-SAN?
I'M UNABLE TO EXPLAIN,
...NO,
NOT ME...!
THE FEELINGS THAT,
SUDDENLY SURGE
RIHITO ONII-SAN?
THERE WAS ONLY 1 THING I COULD SAY
...WAH!...
THE VERY MOMENT THE PHONE RANG.
PRRRR
PRRRR
PRRRR
SFX: CLIVER CLIVER


IT WAS A PHONE CALL TELLING US OUR AUNT HAD DIED...
SHE LOOKED LIKE,
SHE WAS IN A DEEP SLEEP
I LOOKED FOR SAITO
AFTER AVOIDING HIM FOR SO LONG
ALTHOUGH I WAS UNCERTAIN OF HOW TO FACE HIM
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SAI
BUT, I REALLY WANTED TO SEE HIM

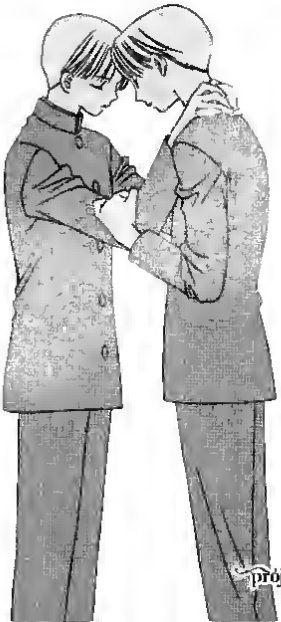
BOOM
WE ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE YOU...

IN SOME WAYS

WE'RE STILL BOUND TIGHTLY

BUT I THINK THAT,



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nod
nod
WHOOSH
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?
nod
SAITO?
DID HE STAY BY MY SIDE ALL THIS TIME?
He even prepared the dining chair here.
ZZZ
ZZZ
stare
Why is it that the Bi won't pass to him?
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER 11 YEARS
UMM

I'LL BE ANGRY IF HE FINDS OUT I'M THE ONLY ONE FEELING THIS WAY.
only one receiving the wounds
I'M PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE?
SO I'LL NEVER SAY IT OUT LOUD
Pinch
Oh. Look at it stretching wider and wider and he still does not wake up
THAT TIME WHEN KEI FAINTED FROM NOT EATING,
AFTER THAT INCIDENT, THERE WERE A FEW TIMES WHEN I WAS ALMOST CONSUMED BY THAT FEELING
DEEP,
AND THAT TIME WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED--
DEEP GRIEF
...WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BECOME AN ADOPTED SON?

AH-- THE FEVER IS GONE
SFX- WHACK
YOU WANT TO KNOW?
SFX- BLINK
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IN ONE SENTENCE
WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE PRETENDING TO BE ME?
SFX- BU BU
BUMP
Ah~ Such a great punch
AUNT KAYENO
WOULD NEVER MIX UP EITHER ONE OF US FOR THE OTHER, RIGHT?
IF YOU WERE AWAKE, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?!
You idiot
EVEN IF I PRETENDED TO BE YOU, SHE ALWAYS SAW RIGHT THROUGH IT
EH?
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON?
Eh? Is th..s some new game, Santa?
-hm-

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BY CHANCE,
I FOUND OUT THAT AUNT KAYENO WAS DYING.
WHICH MADE ME EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO DO SOMETHING FOR HER.
ALTHOUGH THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON, I FEEL THAT, JUST THAT, IS VERY IMPORTANT.
IT'S UP TO EACH PERSON TO CHOOSE WHAT HE FEELS IS IMPORTANT RIGHT?
I WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
I WASN'T SURE WHAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE LIKE...
...ALTHOUGH,
I,
THAT'S.
BECAUSE YOU NEVER ASKED ME RIGHT OUT,
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU DID NOT CARE ABOUT ME.
THAT SHOULD BE YOU!

I COULD STILL FEEL THAT YOU WERE BY MY SIDE
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE AT 2 DIFFERENT PLACES
IT IS STILL TRUE THAT WE POSSESS SOMETHING THAT ONLY THE 2 OF US CAN SHARE.
ALTHOUGH WE ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE,
OR ELSE I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COPE WITH BEING ALONE ALL THIS TIME.

I AM ME,

SAITO IS SAITO,

WE ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE,

THINKING OF THE MEANING BEHIND 2 PEOPLE BEING BORN AT THE SAME TIME...

I FEEL THAT,

COMPARED TO OTHERS, WE ARE TWICE AS LUCKY AS THEM

ALWAYS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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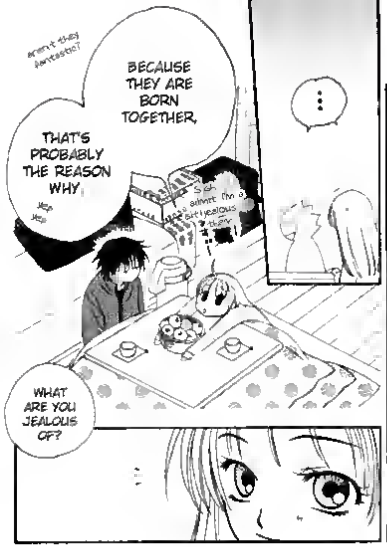
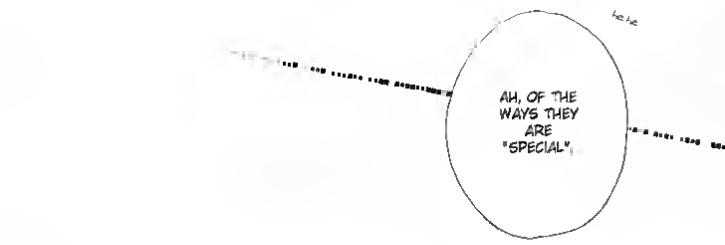
THERE'S SOMETHING THEY HAVE THAT OTHERS CANNOT INTERFERE WITH!
BETWEEN THOSE 2...
BUT...
REI IS RESTING AT APARTMENT 205
NOT EVEN YOU?
bang bang
It doesn't help even if you emphasize it like that.
NO NO NO!
THAT IS ALREADY SOMETHING SIMILAR TO TELEPATHY!
EH?
BECAUSE I FEEL TIRED
LIKE I HAVE A FEVER
EH?! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
Just like this morning.
SAITO ONII-CHAN?
WHY DID YOU TAKE OUT THE THERMOMETER?
OH


Aren't they awesome?
BECAUSE THEY ARE BORN TOGETHER.
THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON WHY.
Yes, yes.
Sigh... I'm almost the one getting jealous.
WHAT ARE YOU JEALOUS OF?

NOT ME, RIHITO.


he he
AH, OF THE WAYS THEY ARE "SPECIAL".

Eh? Are those tears in your eyes, Rihito?
They are not! It's because of the fever, the fever!
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